

2015 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



95 pts “An intense blend of grapefruit pith/zest/juice is coupled with shiny acidity on a palate that is a great example of the Yarra Valley’s ace in the hole with chardonnay: extreme length.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

92 pts “This is mouthwatering, a sensation that doesn’t often come to mind with Australian chardonnay. That’s due, in large part, to a vintage that ripened chardonnay to crisp flavors of apples and pears with plenty of natural acidity. Phil Sexton and Steve Flamsteed nurtured that freshness through fermentation in 500-liter French oak puncheons (20 percent new), with no added yeast, no malolactic and limited lees stirring as the wines matured. The result is delicate, bright and zesty, with a clean, pleasantly salty finish. The wine’s precision suggests watching out for the release of Giant Steps’ single-vineyard chardonnays from 2015.”

Josh Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2016

92 pts “Part of the new Yarra Valley range out of Giant Steps... This is right in the slot. It’s lean and long, mostly, with grapefruit and citrus rind character drilling through to the flourish of the finish. Fuzzy peach and spiced wood characters are fringe players at most. It’s a highly disciplined chardonnay.”

Campbell Mattison
The Wine Front
April 2016

90 pts “The 2015 Chardonnay opens with a wet pebble, peach and pear scented nose with hints of baking bread and honeysuckle. Light-bodied with a silkiness to the texture and just enough fruit intensity, it gives a lively acid backbone and long mineral finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
June 2016



89 pts “Toast and citrus notes arrive on a light, breezy frame, with juicy acidity. Floral, with white flower and spice accents, finishing with minerally, saline hints.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
WineSpectator.com
2016

“A highly expressive wine, true to the regional characteristics of the Yarra Valley. Stone fruit and melon flavors are supported by oak and a clean, textured finish.”

Gourmet Traveller Wine
June/July 2016

