

2016 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



93 pts “Steve Flamsteed blends fruit from the Sexton, Tarraford and Applejack vineyards, fermenting it without added yeasts and moving the wine by gravity. While this wine is not as distinctly mineral as the Sexton Vineyard Chardonnay (also recommended here), its fruit complexity is fascinating. It’s almost red in flavor, hinting at persimmon and the red skin of a peach, with an herbal note, like lemon verbena, and a spicy floral scent of jasmine adding to the wine’s vibrant approach. Juicy and firm, the sense of luscious fruit is what lasts. Delicious.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2017

91 pts “Tight, mineral-clad apricot pith and white peach flavors ease across a tensile palate with hints of oatmeal. The tension pedal is eased as the wine, light weight and shimmering, expands into wild yeast truffley notes, broadening with air. A smidgen of oak for grip gives an accent.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2018

89 pts “Supple and appealing, with a roundness to the apple and pear flavors. Soft details of spice and dried flowers linger in the background. Juicy finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
WineSpectator.com
2017