



2015 GIANT STEPS TARRAFORD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



97 pts “The fragrance of the bouquet has the allure of great red Burgundy, making you loath to leave the aromas and move on to the palate. When you do, you won’t be disappointed, for a silken wave of luscious (all things are relative) multifaceted stone and citrus fruits await your arrival, and don’t let you down.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2018

96 pts “This is the restrained one. The seamless one. It is quite monumentally gorgeous. It just gets everything right, and adds a few flourishes for good measure. It tastes of ginger and custard apples, (subtle) struck match and a complex arrange of stone fruits. It’s one of those wines, though, where it feels churlish to pinpoint the flavors; it’s elegant, seductive and long, and there’s very little more you can request.”

Campbell Mattison
The Wine Front
June 2016

95 pts/The 2016 Lineup (Chardonnay) “On 95 we had the Hoddles Creek and the Giant Steps Tarraford which on the day showed as well made wines...you’d be pleased to have either in your cellar.”

John Humphrey
The Wine Front — TWF Chardonnay 2016 – the Year in Review
November 30, 2016

93 pts “Vivid yellow. Intense mineral- and lees-accented citrus and orchard fruit aromas show excellent clarity and hints of honeysuckle and iodine. Displays a deeper pit fruit character on the palate, offering juicy, smoke-accented nectarine and pear skin flavors that show excellent tension. The mineral quality comes back strong on the finish, which leaves behind suave Meyer lemon and floral notes.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
October 2017



92+ pts “Coming from a 35-year-old vineyard, the 2015 Tarraford Vineyard Chardonnay comes from a relatively warm site for cool-climate Yarra Valley. This wine receives no malolactic and no acid additions. The nose reveals beautiful quince, ginger and pink grapefruit notes with nectarine and yeasty/toasty nuances, plus a real savory edge. Rich, concentrated and medium to full-bodied in the mouth, it delivers tons of flavor and great length.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
October 2016

91 pts “Creamy, leesy and broad, this wine is mostly about its supple, luscious texture for now. While there’s a touch of youthful sweetness, there’s firmness to the fruit from this cool, south-facing slope, providing a tight structure to sustain its evolution in bottle.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2017

90 pts “The pear, peach and citrus flavors have a spicy side. Offers a smooth and succulent body, with plenty of juicy acidity and a saline hint on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
WineSpectator.com
2017