

2016 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



95 pts “This is as typical of the Lower Yarra Valley as Lusatia Park is of the Upper Yarra. But it has a particular flavor and texture on the back-palate and finish, with a faint honeysuckle/cashew note; on retasting (several times) grapefruit also struck a blow.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2018

93 pts “This shows lots of freshly cut green apples, flint, gunpowder and a hint of smokiness. The palate’s full, fruit-forward and very delicious. Mineral finish.”

Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
July 17, 2017

92 pts/Top 20 Wines of 2017 “Fresh and cool on the nose, with a peachy, restrained expression on the palate, adding complexity and length. The acid finish gives an added dimension.”

Decanter.com
January 2, 2018

92 pts “Elegant, with quiet pear, green apple and quince flavors on a light and airy frame, showing details of mineral, pepper and toasted spice.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator
November 15, 2017

92 pts “This supple, succulent chardonnay grows at Phil Sexton’s north-facing vineyard on the slope neighboring Yarra Yering, just up the road from Coldstream Hills. The soil is shallow gravels and loam over rocky clay, and the vines benefit from all those rocks, producing fruit that lends this wine its tense acidity and freshness. The rich lemon flavors, sweet caramel and smoky notes of toasted lees are all wrapped up in that freshness, a ready complement to gingery grilled salmon.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2017