

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/Editors' Choice “Acclaimed winemaker Steve Flamsteed delivers the goods in this complex yet easygoing single vineyard Chard. There’s a lot going on here: citrus blossom, lime leaf, lemon balm and pineapple leaf are backed by warm stones, struck match and some toasty creaminess. The acidity is prickly and citrusy, wrapped in a pineapple tang and with a limey and seemingly endless finish.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
August 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

90 pts “The 2016 Sexton Vineyard Chardonnay leads off with subtle notes of toasted grain and pineapple custard, then layers in hints of white peaches and grapefruit. It’s medium-bodied, with just enough flesh to impart a sense of generosity, then finishes crisp and clean.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
June 2018