

2018 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



95 pts “Identical vinification to its siblings, the intention to place all the emphasis on the site, including its micro-flora. A wine with substance and depth, and a (non-residual sugar) touch of fruit sweetness. I am confident that the individual personality of each sibling will express itself more and more over the next 2 years.”

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
October 2019

95 pts “A very attractive, succulent style with intense and energetic white-peach and lemon aromas and flavors. The drive and depth on the palate really impress here.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 26, 2019

94 pts/Editors’ Choice “Giant Steps owner Phil Sexton’s self-named vineyard soars once again in this beautifully textured Chardonnay that is all at once modern and timeless. Take a deep dive into a nose of honeysuckle, lime leaf, salted cashew, waxy lemon and stony minerals. Then let the liquid roll around on your tongue, pricking it gently with crystalline acidity. Complex and ageworthy yet totally approachable now, this is the face of today’s Aussie Chardonnay, and it’s a mighty fine one.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 2020

91 pts “Lemon curd, lime zest and hazelnut notes are creamy and supple, balanced by crunchy, mineral acidity that keeps the flavors in focus. Soft spice and cedar details echo on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
October 31, 2019



91 pts “Perhaps the most classic Chardonnay of the bunch, the 2018 Sexton Vineyard Chardonnay boasts attractive notes of toasted nuts alongside hints of white peaches and grilled pineapple. All Mendoza clone aged in 20% new oak, it's medium-bodied, defined by its concentrated pineapple flavors. Punchy and direct, it finishes long and citrusy.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020