

2018 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



95 pts “In terrific form. It captures you from the outset. Stone fruit, custard powder, toasted bran and cedar spice notes have sparks flying in the glass. Crushed fennel too, particularly through the aftertaste. It attacks with flavor from the start and maintains a good pace throughout. The finish takes care of itself.”

Campbell Mattinson
Halliday Wine Companion
2020

92 pts “Give this Yarra Valley Chardonnay, from renowned producer Giant Steps, some time in the glass or decanter to open up, for it’s a subtle and somewhat reductive wine at first that needs some air (it also may need a few more months in bottle to knit together). With time, it unveils delicate, pretty notes of citrus blossom, ginger and flinty minerality. While there’s less texture and complexity here than on this producer’s Sexton Vineyard Chard, this is nevertheless a balanced and ultra food-friendly drop.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 2020

88 pts “Gentle notes of toasted grain and nuts accent apple, pear and citrus on the nose of the 2018 Chardonnay, a blend from several different vineyards. With only 10% new oak, the fruit takes the lead on the medium-bodied palate, a blend of apple, pineapple and lime that lingers crisply on the finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020