



2023 'SIROCCO' CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

A very wet winter was followed by a wet and cool spring that provided promising early growing conditions. The cool season continued into summer which led to a very late harvest. Good fruit set resulted in above average yields, with shoot and fruit thinning used to balance our fruit load to canopy size. These viticultural practices allowed us to pick the majority of our Lenswood vineyard with good flavour and high natural acidity as some rain events occurred late in the growing season.

A combination of whole bunch and destemmed fruit, wild yeast fermentation in 100% French oak on some juice solids. A very small portion of the barrels go through malo-lactic fermentation. Named after the owners of the land we purchased to form Pike & Joyce.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown

Altitude: 593 metres

Variety: Chardonnay

Vintage: 2023

Region: Lenswood, Adelaide Hills

Fermentation: Wild yeast, barrel fermented

Maturation: 8 months in new and old French Oak

Alc/Vol 12.5%

pH 3.20 **TA** 6.61 g/L

ABOUT PIKE & JOYCE

Pike and Joyce Wines was established in 1998 as the coming together of the Pike family, from Pikes Wines in the Clare Valley and the Joyce family, fifth generation horticulturists from the Adelaide Hills. The two families share a love of the region, a passion for viticulture, and a desire to produce only the finest wine.

Pike & Joyce Cellar Door

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Tasting Room: 11am - 4pm Daily, Restaurant: From 12pm, Thur - Sun

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Light straw yellow

Aroma: A bright yet complex beginning, this wine displays freshly picked white peach and preserved lemon before its signature flintiness arrives from the background.

Palate: The medium weight palate carries through with white stone fruits and lemon curd supported by a delicious lick of crunchy acidity. The fruit and oak intertwine beautifully to provide a clean, slightly creamy finish.

Summary: With a focus on balance and restraint, this release adds to the impressive lineage of the 'Sirocco' label and exemplifies the qualities we look for from our Lenswood vineyard. Drink now or cellar for 10+ years. Pair with poached whiting and lemon beurre blanc sauce.

