



## T A L I S M A N

### 2024 GABRIELLE CHARDONNAY

#### FERGUSON VALLEY

Stretched across undulating hill faces, and hugged by the Wellington National Park, lay the lines of these celebrated varieties to become fine wines.

It was John Gladstone's 1965 industry-renowned paper titled The Climate and Soils of South Western Australia in Relation to Vinegrowing that first inspired Kim to look at the Ferguson Valley in the early 1990's.

The predictable rainfall, Mediterranean climate, stable growing season and consistent seasons make for world class growing conditions, that are carefully crafted to build the complexity of flavour that Talisman is renowned for.

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#### TASTING NOTES

The Talisman Chardonnay is typically fragrant and complex with overt citrus peel characters. In 2024 this is displayed through hints of kaffir lime and curry leaf. This is a complex wine with many characters apparent: gunsmoke, roasted hazelnuts, barley sugar and cracked wheat are just a few.

Mouth filling and rich with sweet citrus fruit then overlaid with savoury notes suggesting roasted nuts, dukkha and mineral ferrite dust. The acidity is bracing and balanced and points towards a long life in the cellar.

#### VITICULTURE NOTES

This season was our driest on record. A warm spring led to early budburst but thankfully a low frost risk. The hot, dry summer that followed meant low disease pressure and a good Marri blossom kept the birds at bay. Vintage kicked off on the 1st of February (our earliest ever) and all the fruit harvested by the 29th February, a good four weeks earlier than usual.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Estate grown chardonnay is handpicked and whole bunch pressed directly to new and 1 year old French oak barriques for wild ferment. This results in barrel variation from different levels of cloudiness in the juice and that leads to a wine with complexity and flavours that enfold every part of the palate. Malolactic fermentation increases texture and richness. The wine spends approximately 10 months in barrel before minimal fining and bottling.

#### QUICK NOTES

Vintage: 2024

Winemaker: Peter Stanlake

Grape Variety:

100% Chardonnay

Vineyard: Talisman Estate

Growing Area: Ferguson Valley,  
Western Australia

pH: 3.36

Residual Sugar: <1g/L

Alc %/Vol: 13.2% 13.1

Fermentation: Natural in French  
oak Barriques

Cellar: 8-10 years

