

Product code: 1091

Stella Bella, Serie Luminosa Chardonnay, Margaret River, Australia, 2020



Producer Profile

This boutique winery in the heart of Margaret River creates idiosyncratic named ranges like Suckfizzle in a low interventionist and organic way keeping their approach as simple as possible to allow their cherished vineyards to show their quality.

It is not merely in the names where these wines are memorable, as once you have tasted them you will see why Luke Jolliffe, the winemaker, continues to receive recognition and awards from around the world for wines that have that wonderful Margaret River restraint and elegance, but are bound together with a fruit purity that makes them delectable.

Viticulture

This is a single vineyard wine from the Luminosa Vineyard. Pruning with vertical shoot positioning with top and side trimming. The yield is around 4 tonnes /ha and all grapes are hand harvested.

Winemaking

100% wild ferment. Bâttonage is only undertaken when deemed required to ensure the correct amount of 'gun'flint' is part of the complex aromatics. The wine undergoes no malo-lactic fermentation. The finest French barrels build character into the wine, complementing the fruit as a gentle seasoning, rather than dominating it. The wine has excellent cellaring potential.

Tasting Note

Pale green/gold in colour. The wine's fragrant aromas of stone fruits, cashew and white flowers show great intensity and harmony. The palate reflects this with layered flavours of juicy ripe nectarine, a touch of fig and nuances of honey, dairy, almonds and nougat. The texture is glossy with a wonderfully creamy mouth feel complemented by a really fine mineral acidity - the melding of nutty oak and fruit is faultless. A wine of elegance and finesse with dazzling breadth, depth and persistence of flavour.

Food Matching

Pork belly with crispy crackling.



Technical Details

Varieties:

Chardonnay 100%

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

Time: 10 months

Type: French

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: 33