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Thistledown, The Great Escape Chardonnay, Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia, 2021



Producer Profile

Ever since historic Scots, James Busby and John MacArthur founded the Australian wine industry in the early 19th century, the relationship between Scotland and Australia has been an enduring one.

Guardians of a long history, Thistledown Wine Co. continues the tradition of Scottish ingenuity and great Australian wine. From their small-batch winery in the idyllic Adelaide Hills, they work with pristine fruit sourced from iconic vineyard sites.

Viticulture

Great Escape is a benchmark, cooler climate Chardonnay produced from fruit grown in the Eden Valley's elevated vineyard sites which allow for a long ripening period which helps to maintain the natural sugar and acid balance of the grape. Trellised vineyards, pruned to produce moderate yields.

Winemaking

As with all their wines, the winemaking process is a gentle one with the intention of preserving the natural flavours of the wine while at the same time building layers of texture. Fruit went directly to press after picking. The free run juice was run off to tank to settle. We retain a relatively high level of solids in the ferment, all of which is wild fermented in used French oak or concrete egg. We do not encourage malolactic as we want to preserve the crisp, citrus fruit profile.

Tasting Note

Citrusy, subtle oak influence and a bright yet creamy palate. With moderate alcohol, focussed, crisp citrus fruit and a mouthwatering finish, this is an accomplished, truly modern style of this noble variety.

Food Matching

Shellfish, oysters and aromatic Asian dishes.

Awards

The Wine Front 91 Points

Moved to Eden Valley now, as the Adelaide Hills vineyard was a casualty of the awful bushfires that ripped through the region. Fine-boned wine offering white peach, nougat, and a little spicy oak. It's fresh, not so concentrated, but lovely to drink, a fine dusty texture, and ripe lemon, with a gently nutty finish of solid length. A pleasing cool feel to the wine, and I'd suggest it will develop quite nicely over the next couple of years. 91 Points, GW, Dec 2021.

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: Tight grain French
Oak 300l

% wine oaked: 50

% new oak: 10