

# 2006 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

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## WINEMAKING

**Fruit** – Hand-picked from our Dixon's Creek vineyard, Yarra Valley, bunch thinned to 2 to 2.5 tonnes per acre.

**Wine maker's notes** – Prolonged yeast lees contact following fermentation using wild and inoculated yeasts. Aged in French oak barriques for 11 months.

**Made at** – Yering Station

**Quantity** – 850 Dozen

**Alcohol** – 13.5%

**Closure** – Screwcap

## TASTING NOTE

This wine is almost without equal in the realms of purity of fruit and quality of oak. It offers intensity of flavour, dominated by salted cashews, browning toast and savoury precise fruit. Full ripe melon and fresh notes of herbs on the nose, the Toolangi Estate has a wonderful balance of full flavour, fresh acidity and stony minerality which draws the wine along your cheeks and creates terrific length and ageing potential. There is also straw, nougat and a hint of honey, all somehow packed into this powerhouse of a wine. Despite obvious, hallmark Chardonnay character, all the elements of this wine remain fine and delicate. Totally satisfying, this is arguably the benchmark for Chardonnay in Australia today.

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