ALPHA BOX & DICE MCLAREN VALE



"For all of my love of the Mediterranean varieties, I still have such affection for Chardonnay. The fruit for our top white wine is sourced from a vineyard high up in the Adelaide Hills, where the long, cool season allows the grape to ripen slowly and develop such lovely intense and complex flavours. Made with only a kiss of new French oak, wild fermented and then aged for twelve months in barrel, the Corrugated Castle is generous, tight and balanced, the way good Chardonnay should be. And this is very, very good Chardonnay." ~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

Name Vintage Corrugated Castle 2024

Variety Region
Chardonnay Adelaide Hills

Nose

Golden orchard fruits, toasted nuts and melon.

Palate

Pure and mineral with a hit of salinity, it's initially opulent and round until it's cinched back in by a driving acid line that teeters between crisp apple and pithy citrus.

Pair

Buttery roast chicken with crispy golden potatoes.

Winemaking

Hand picked, whole bunch pressed.
Settled overnight and racked dirty to barrel.
Naturally fermented in French oak, 20% new.
Partial spontaneous MLF. Matured on lees
for 6 months then racked and returned to
barrel for another 6 months.

Vineyard

Bonoposto Vineyard, Kenton Valley, Adelaide Hills B95 and B95 Chardonnay clones planted on own roots Elevation 470-510m, ENE aspect. Red-yellow clay loam over sandstone. VSP cane pruned with shoot and bunch thinning applied.

Alcohol	Acidity
12.5%	6.4g/L
pH 3.25	Cellaring 10 Years