

OLDENBURG

VINEYARDS



Chardonnay 2017

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COMPOSITION	Chardonnay 100%
HARVEST	13 th February 2017 at 22.8° Balling
TECHNICAL DATA	ALC 13.84% RS 3.27g/l TA 6.5g/L pH 3.27
MATURATION	9 months in 300l French oak barrels
PRODUCTION	10 890 bottles

At Oldenburg Vineyards, we believe that great wines can only come from the best quality grapes. Our intervention in the vineyards is minimal, to reflect the full potential of our mountain terroir. The Oldenburg Vineyards Series is a true expression of terroir through our range of single cultivar wines. The confluence of the 8 Natural Elements that determine our unique terroir is explored as a result of these wines and their real sense of place.

WINEMAKING / MATURATION

Grapes were picked by hand, followed by careful bunch and berry sorting. Crushing and destemming was handled delicately. 50% of the wine was tank fermented, and 50% barrel fermented. Wines were matured for 9 months in 300l French oak barrels for added elegance. Wood regime: 50% new oak and 50% 2nd fill barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The wine has a youthful, yellow-green colour. Aromas of lemon rind and grapefruit prevail on the nose, with wood maturation manifesting as a subtle caramel flavour. Rich concentration of flavours on the palate of green apple as well as honeysuckle and lemon. The wine shows a crisp acidity and an enduring finish with hints of brioche.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A challenging season led to a smaller but exceptional wine grape harvest at Oldenburg Vineyards despite the second consecutive very dry season. However, these challenging conditions led to healthy and high quality grapes which produced wines of exceptional quality. Due to the dry conditions, smaller grape berries were produced, yet these led to better colour and flavour intensity.

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