

SANDPIPER CHARDONNAY

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.



VINTAGE	2014	REGION	Eden Valley
HARVESTED	March 2014	BOTTLED	October 2014
ALCOHOL	12.5%	VINEYARD	Mount Crawford

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The wine is a pale straw colour with a green hue. The nose displays some complexity with white peach and citrus, complimented by underlying nutty characteristics. This is a medium weight wine with peach and citrus characters, a creamy mid palate, balanced nicely with a tight acid line. The wine finishes with balance and a good persistence.

VINTAGE

Spring rainfall was also well below average with several days reaching 30°C. The growing season had even temperatures and little rainfall.

Ripening was slow and steady leading to the development of good floral characters and the fruit retaining its natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Harvest was carried out at night. The fruit was pressed (using an airbag press). After settling the juice was warmed and inoculated with a neutral yeast selected for its ability to respect the purity of the fruit. After fermentation the yeast lees were stirred for 6 weeks (battonage). Post fermentation the wine was stabilized, minimally fined, filtered then bottled.

