

THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

EDEN VALLEY SANDPIPER CHARDONNAY

2018



THE BRAND

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.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The 2018 Sandpiper Chardonnay is pale straw in colour with a vibrant green hue at the edge. The nose displays white peach, kiwi and citrus fruits and are backed up by some subtle spice. The palate follows with a generosity of fruit matched with refined French oak and delicate acidity. Altogether, this wine shows great texture, balance and length.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season had all the hallmarks of a classic vintage. Consistent warm temperatures produced perfect conditions for our Eden Valley whites to ripen. This along with good winter rains and a dry harvest period resulted in vibrant varietal flavours, excellent natural acidity and a long balanced finish.

WINEMAKING

Harvest was carried out at night. The fruit was pressed (using an airbag press). After settling, each batch was assessed and either allowed to naturally ferment, or inoculated with a neutral yeast to emphasis the fruit. Approximately 20% of the blend was transferred as juice to new French oak barrels and underwent barrel ferment. After fermentation the yeast lees were stirred for 4 months (battonage), and sulphured up so as to minimise any malolactic fermentation and retain the refreshing acid balance.

ALCOHOL - 12.0% **WINEMAKER** - PETER KELLY

VINEYARDS - MOUNT CRAWFORD