

# THORN·CLARKE

Barossa Wines · Australia

## TASTING NOTES

### 2002 SANDPIPER CHARDONNAY

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PRODUCT	Sandpiper
VINTAGE	2002
APPELLATION	Eden Valley
BLEND	100% Chardonnay
HARVEST DATE	Early April 2002
BOTTLING DATE	August 2002
TA	6.85
PH	3.28
ALCOHOL	14.0
RS	3.5 g/l

#### VINIFICATION

Crushed and de-stemmed then pressed using a membrane press. Pressings kept separate from free run then fined and re-blended back to the free run. Fermented using French yeast at 12 - 15°C. The ferment was very long and took 5-6 weeks. The light fluffy lees were re-incorporated to the wine and mixed every 2 weeks to add mouth feel and structure. The wine was racked from lees after 4 months, filtered and bottled.

#### OAK TREATMENT

30% New French Oak

#### COMMENTS

This vineyard is located at Mt Crawford (Eden Valley), one of South Australia's consistently coolest grape growing sites. Citrus, lime, sweet Melon fruit, with hints of new French oak combine with a creamy lingering finish to create a fine example of this great variety. Inhibiting Malolactic fermentation has preserved crisp natural acids which highlight the varietal fruit of this wine.

CELLARING: Drinking well now. Maximum cellaring 2 years.

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