

BROKENWOOD

AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST



2005 Brokenwood IV-BC76 Chardonnay

Variety: Chardonnay
Region: Beechworth – VIC

Winemakers Comments:

Contrary to popular belief the sales of Chardonnay both here in Australia and overseas continues to grow. The ABC Club (Anything But Chardonnay) must be questioning its numbers. Perhaps it is now the AC/DC club, Always Chard/Decent Chard!! The increased desire of the industry to make better and more interesting Chardonnay has fuelled the sales.

So with winemakers being the type of people they are - creative - never tire of tinkering with a vast number of combinations when it comes to winemaking and blending. The 'art v science' or 'terroir v man made' debate is never ending and we all welcome that.

The two varieties that seem to have benefited most from new clones becoming available in Australia are Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Clonal selection is best described as improving the genetic makeup of a variety by singling out a superior vine for mass propagation.

From an outstanding 2005 vintage the wine reflects this, as well as the extra care and attention from the winemakers. We trust you will enjoy.

Vinification:

Oxidative handling resulting in low phenolics and ultimately greater complexity. A combination of wild yeast ferments, with small parcels of inoculated ferments. The Chardonnay uses the Bernard Clone 76 and carries the code IV-BC 76.

Tasting Notes:

The colour is a bright yellow/green, even after oak aging. The aromas are in the citrus/tropical spectrum. The oak sits in the background and adds a char/smoky element. The palate has good weight, alcohol and glycerol, and a long finish. Although subtle oak, it's there and will integrate with the pineapple/mango fruit with further age.

A great example of Brokenwood's complex, barrel fermented Chardonnay that will gain weight to give richness, but not advanced aging due to the screw cap seal. A top food wine.

Food:

Rich seafood, pasta and light meat dishes.

Technical Data:

Alcohol	14.0%
pH	3.30
Acidity	6.09g/L
Residual Sugar	2.7g/L
Availability:	750ml
RRP:	A\$40.00

Our wines are now sealed with screw cap to guarantee quality and consistency.

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