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2008 Brokenwood Indigo Vineyard Chardonnay

Variety: Chardonnay
Region: Beechworth - VIC

Winemakers Comments:

The success our neighbour (at Beechworth) Rick Kinzbrunner at Giaconda has had with Beechworth Chardonnay highlights the quality of this region. Different soils, aspect, clones & age of vines on the Indigo property will lead our Chardonnay in a different direction but with minimum winemaker input, the region still expresses itself.

A much anticipated vintage. The drought that caused the dearth of fruit in 2007 was broken with very good winter rain. A warm dry summer was then tempered by some rain in February and cooler ripening conditions.

Vinification:

Whole bunch pressing, wild ferments in new French oak have come together in spectacular fashion. The wine was fermented in 80% new French oak and 20% one year old, from a variety of cooperages.

Tasting Notes:

Very youthful colour, with some pale yellow and green tints. Although 100% wild ferment only background 'burnt match' characters. White pear and citrus aromas. Great complexity on the palate and minerality. Some tropical zest backed by vanillin/bran meal oak. (The latter from 8 months on lees.) Not super ripe but very good alcohol/acid balance and finish.

An impressive Indigo Chardonnay and under screw cap, one for the medium to long term. After no wine from 2007, a great return to form.

Food:

Seafood to light meats.

Technical Data:

Alcohol	14.0%
pH	3.27
Acidity	6.06g/L
Residual Sugar	2.0g/L
Availability:	750ml
RRP:	A\$30.00

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

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