

New Vintage

Black Label Messenger Chardonnay 2025

2025 marks the second release of our Single Vineyard Messenger Chardonnay, drawn from the Messenger Vineyard in the southern reaches of Coonawarra's Terra Rossa strip.

First planted in 1993, the site has steadily established itself as a distinctive expression of the varietal within the region.

With its even fruit set and dry harvest period, the 2025 season delivered outstanding conditions for Coonawarra Chardonnay, allowing fully ripe flavour development at lower sugar levels. Hand picking, whole bunch pressing, barrel ageing and malolactic fermentation contributed to a white wine of layered texture, subtle complexity and mouth-watering freshness.

Tasting Notes

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Varietal Composition

100% Chardonnay

Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 12.7%

pH: 3.35

TA: 5.71

RS: 0.7g/L

Peak Drinking

5+ years.

Maturation

9 months in 28% new French oak barrels, balance in seasoned French oak barrels, 76% hogsheads/ 24% barriques.

Colour

Pale Straw

Aroma

Pristine fruit aromas of nectarines, white pears and rockmelon flesh reveal additional layers of lemon meringue and complexing yet subtle white chocolate-like oak.

Palate

Simultaneously supple and mouth-filling, its fleshy white stone fruit flavours persist with great focus and length of fruit, supported by a creamy undercarriage of melting white chocolate and spotlessly clean acids.

Perfect Pairing

Chinese five spice slat and pepper squid with spring onion, where the Chardonnay's soft mouthfeel tends to the supple squid and gentle spices dance through the aftertaste.

