





# WILD FERMENT CHARDONNAY

### 2021 GRANITE BELT

### IN A NUTSHELL

## **Grape Source** Granite Belt, QLD

# Alcohol 13.0%

# Ageing Regime

14 months in a mix of new French and seasoned French and American oak

# Cellar 4-7 Years

# Colour Soft Gold

#### Nose

Lemon Blossom Honeysuckle Nectarine

# **Palate** Flinty Citrus

Lemon-Peel

### **Food Pairing**

Lemon Chicken with Sesame Lobster & Crab Winter Vegetables

#### **Other**

Fined using milk products

### **TASTING NOTES**

Gentle, Intricate, and Engaging. The Wild Ferment Chardonnay is the gentle giant of our wooded whites boasting delightful aromatics and exquisite depth of flavour.

Inviting aromas of lemon blossom, nectarine, and honeysuckle fuse harmoniously with gentle oak, subtle minerality, and lively lemon peel acidity on the delectable, elegant, and perfectly balanced palate.

### **VITICULTURE**

The fruit for the 2021 Wild Ferment Chardonnay was grown in the Ballandean district of Queensland's Granite Belt.

The Granite Belt is situated on the Great Dividing Range 850m above sea level and 95km inland from the coast. The winters are cold and frosty and summers warm, producing a continental climate. The soil is largely composed of granite, somewhat on the acidic side and is very free draining.

### WINEMAKING

As the name suggests, no commercial yeast is added in a 'wild' fermentation. Instead, we encourage freshlypressed juice to ferment with the indigenous yeasts present on grape skins and in the atmosphere surrounding the vineyard. While the outcomes of such ferments can't be predicted—they are often spectacular.

process creates wines with character. Accordingly, you'll find the Wild Ferment collection exhibits a complex and diverse flavour profile. These exquisite wines are all barrel matured to enhance their structure and complexity.

The hand-picked Chardonnay fruit was processed and juice containing solids drained into a combination of new French and seasoned French & American oak barriques. There was no intentional malolactic fermentation. Lees stirring to add complexity was continued until the wine was prepared for bottling.

