



## 2020 HAZEL'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary

**97 pts** - “Fruit from the Hazel's vineyard (planted 1999), ironstone gravel over clay. All single-vineyard chardonnays here are made in the same way: Handpicked, whole-bunch pressed, full solids, wild ferment in barrel (25% new) then matured 4 months, partial mlf and fortnightly bâtonnage. OK, context: I've tasted this wine blind in pretty esteemed company (several times), the likes of Bâtard-Montrachet, Chevalier-Montrachet, Genevrières etc, and while it has come just under those wines in ranking, it has more than stood its ground, and has earned my unwavering respect in doing so. Powerful, layered, fragrant, balanced, rippling and exciting. Back up the car – this is too cheap currently.

*Erin Larkin, Halliday Wine Companion  
3 August 2022*

**97 pts** - “Again, the 2020 vintage falls into line in the glass here. The 2020 Hazel's Vineyard Chardonnay is more complete and more harmonious than either of the vintages on either side of it—certainly texturally, it is mellifluous and flowing. Through the finish, there are notes of almond skin, meal, plump orchard fruit and complex exotic spice. This is extremely appealing. Attractive. Seductive.”

*Erin Larkin, Wine Advocate  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2022*

**95 pts** - “White peach, grapefruit, oatmeal, nougat and spice, with an flowering basil perfume. It's tight, but has a gentle creamy gloss, ginger and ripe grapefruit, a flinty texture and firm grip, ripe lime with a little oyster shell, and a long finish offering zip and intensity. Superb.”

*Gary Walsh, The Wine Front  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

**93 pts** - “Pale straw yellow, touch of lime at the rim. Subtle nose of lemon zest, white flowers, and a hint of seaspray. Whilst being tight and fresh with citrus fruit on the palate, there's an underlying power here. Notes of oyster brine and kaffir lime add character and tension. Acidity takes it long and finishes with a crisp snap.”

*Stuart Knox, The Real Review  
31 May 2022*



**93 pts** - “Peach stones, baked apples, cloves, sourdough and salted butter. Distinct salinity here adds intrigue to the buttery, compact and powerful palate. Full-bodied. Dense yet vibrant.”

*James Suckling*  
07 November 2022

**93 pts** - “Medium-light yellow colour; grilled nut and toasted bread aromas with a biscuit note, clean and appealing. Palate is fine and tense, deep and attractive, with a touch of richness, a trace of lemon and a dry, appetising finish.”

*Huon Hooke, The Real Review*  
31 May 2022

**97 pts** - “An exquisitely presented chardonnay from this outstanding vintage. It’ already showing a degree of complexity but it is the balance and delicacy on the palate which tends to initially conceal all that drive and intensity. Savoury creamy notes on the nose with a palate that just sings with a fine persistence through to its extraordinarily long finish.”

*Ray Jordan*  
November 2022

**91 pts** - “Toast, straw and smoky bacon oak aromas, the palate intense and restrained, a fine but focused style with good line and length. There’s a fair grip of tannin helping to dry the finish.”

*Huon Hooke, The Real Review*  
12 January 2023