



# M<sup>c</sup>HENRY HOHNEN

MARGARET RIVER

## 2020 HAZEL'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



Mandarin peel, white blossom and flint aromas give way to stone fruit pulp and a seductive nougat element. Creamy, nutty and textured, this Chardonnay is powerful in fruit concentration and restrained by a precise acid line. A layered wine with persistence, power and structure and a true representation of this south Margaret River vineyard just inland from the coast.

### Vintage Report

We were blessed with near perfect growing conditions in Margaret River in 2020. A warmer than usual Spring, a dry, sunny Summer and cool nights. Significant diurnal temperature variations meant perfect ripening conditions across all of our dry grown vineyards. No disease and virtually no bird pressure (particularly at the start of harvest) meant we were able to pick beautifully clean fruit at ideal ripeness and flavour levels ... A real treat for our winemaking team. The only downside was exceptionally low yields across all varieties. Our dry farmed vineyard responded to the drier seasonal conditions by producing tiny and light bunches with small berries. Consequently, the fruit has incredible concentration and has retained a lovely natural acidity.

### Wine Making

Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed and transferred directly to oak with full solids. Fermented by the native years in barrique (approximately 30% new). Post ferment, barrels are left cool but unsulphured for 4 months to encourage autolytic activity. Batonnage every two weeks based on flavour and partial MLF to balance the high natural acidity of this vintage. Wine was racked with full lees to tank in December and spent two months on lees in tank before bottling in February 2021.

### Vineyard

100% Hazel's Vineyard. Our southernmost vineyard which is further inland than our Burnside and Calgardup vineyards. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine. Soil type: Ironstone gravel loam.

### District of Origin

100% Margaret River

### Grapes

100% Single Vineyard Chardonnay | *Gingin clone*

### Analysis

Alc 13.7%

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