REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2016 The 12th Man
Chardonnay

James Halliday 2018 Wine Companion, AUG 2017

93 POINTS
“This elegant chardonnay boasts stencilled length, with wild yeast pizazz sitting atop an undercarriage of resinous acidity and a dutiful lick of mineral-clad oyster shell, embellishing white peach flavours with an energetic thrust. Long and effortless.”

WBM, Mike Bennie - JUL/AUG 2017

91 POINTS
“Crisp and cool, citrus and green-apple-driven style, bright and flavoursome, easy going and cool in its flavour profile. Juicy, bright, balanced and with some decent drive, there’s a touch of sweet generosity for those seeking that, too. Nice.”

JamesSuckling.com, Nick Stock - JUL 2017

94 POINTS
“A steely chardonnay with green apple, pear and hints of pie crust. Full and flavor. Intense aftertaste. Stone and ash undertones. Hold on to your seat for the acid energy. Wild yeast fermented and partial malolactic fermentation. Drink now.”

The Advertiser, Tony Love’s Top 100 Wines, Tony Love - JUL 2017

94 POINTS
“This wine embodies the art of modern Australian chardonnay, starting with excellent Hills grapes that bring a familiar white stone fruit character deep to its core, tensioned with a bright citrus flavour rather than raw acidity, and surrounded to start with by subtle, roasted wine nut notes and even a flinty feel courtesy of wild fermentation. The balance of fruit and savoury is delicate yet tense, with a rise and vitality in the finish. A wine with joyous finesse.”

100 Best Australian Wines 2017/2018, Matthew Jukes - MAY 2017

“The standout (Wirra Wirra) wine of the year is The 12th Man! This is a vital chardy with crisp modern lines and an energetic, combative finish. The oak is blonde and cool and this serves to heighten the tension found throughout this wine. The alcohol is keenly positioned in the mid twelves and this adds a squeakiness, too. Basically, this is a raspy, crunchy, crisp apple chardonnay with a steely core and a vitality which will endear it to all.”

The Vinsomniac, Stuart Robinson - APR 2017

91 POINTS
“Subtle changes to the 12th Man over the years, here more of the stonefruit, citrus and grapefruit freshness than the oak and meal of yore. Still retains this vanilla creaminess. Fairly loose, open - good balanced acidity and spice. Good length, generosity.”

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson - APR 2017

90+ POINTS
“Adelaide Hills chardonnay – from Lenswood and Lobethal. It’s a spritely wine. Definitely in the modern mode. Citrus, pear, white peach, maybe some grapefruit – its legs are stretched out, the race is on. Wheatgerm and sweet, cedary oak bless the palate, though the finish is steely. Needs a little bottle-time to really hit its drinking straps.”
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Decanter, James Button - FEB 2017

91 POINTS

“Made in an old world style, this wine was matured in a mixture of new and old Burgundian coopered oak with regular lees stirring. It demonstrates a fresh green apple and tropical fruit character alongside richer butterscotch and caramelised apple flavours. Smooth and broad, its heft is kept in check by a lovely cleansing acidity. The finish is long, with succulent orange zest notes.”