REVIEWS & ACCOLADES
2018 The 12th Man
Chardonnay

Hot 100 Wines SA 2019/2020 - DEC 2019
“Crowd pleasing rich nougat oak, leesy elements and preserved lemons. Good fruit weight and length to the wine, it beckons you to close your eyes and sink into the moment.”

James Halliday 2020 Wine Companion - AUG 2019
92 POINTS
“Wild yeast, barrel ferment complexity; caught on the boundary for 99.”

The Real Review, Huon Hooke - AUG 2019
93 POINTS
“This is a delicate chardonnay but that doesn’t mean it’s simple. It has lots of character and a touch of richness, is intense and medium-full bodied. The pleasingly detailed bouquet incorporates some smoky barrel-derived nuances.”

The Vinsomniac, Stuart Robinson - JUL 2019
91 POINTS
“A wild-ferment Chardonnay from the Adelaide Hills, reflects both the winemakers hand and those choices thereof. Citrus and mealy aromatics, stonefruit and a hint of the wild Ferment. The palate possesses some of the same characteristics, with the addition of a flinty aspect. It’s a generous mix of crisp and clippy acidity with a phenolic edge, adding width to length. Looking in a very good place in 2018.”

JamesSuckling.com, Nick Stock - JUN 2019
93 POINTS
“A fresh, white-peach, pear and lime nose leads to a palate that has a very rich, fleshy and flavorful feel. The intensity here is palpable, the freshness and zip really attractive. Drink now.”

The Real Review, Huon Hoke - JUN 2019
93 POINTS
“Light, youthful colour, with a very smoky, oak and sulfide-dominated bouquet. There is richness and intensity here, with a very dry palate and finish, the wine medium to full-bodied and pleasingly long. A very tasty chardonnay with a lot of smoky artifact characters.”

100 Best Australian Wines 2019/20, Matthew Jukes - MAY 2019
“It is great to see this cheeky chardy lining up alongside some of the biggest wine names in the business. Wild-fermented and then treated to lightly toasted French oak, this is a secret weapon wine for those people who would like to drink a lighter style without too much pressure on them to go into raptures about what is in their glass. The vibrancy and freshness here make this an expressive wine and one which is well suited to a hot summer’s day leaving the more structured wines for cooler occasions!”

The Advertiser, Katie Spain - MAY 2019

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“The nose on this wild ferment baby is captivating. There’s plenty of fruit there (white nectarine and lemon zest) and layers of nutty biscuit aromas. Fresh-baked stone fruit tart flavours to follow. The grapes were hand-picked and whole bunch pressed and fermented in French oak. This wine is a nod of the green cap to Wirra Wirra founder the late Greg Trott’s love of cricket, and the clean acid line cuts through the mix like a ball smashed for six.”
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The Real Review, Toni Paterson - APR 2019

93 POINTS
#1 TOP 2018 CHARDONNAY, MOUNT LOFTY RANGES

“An impressive wine, full and complete, with lovely complexity. Nutty oak and a rich palate with good flavour depth. Sweet-lemon, white peach, oatmeal and cashew.”