

# RockBare Tasting Notes

## 2007 McLaren Vale Chardonnay

### Grapes

97% Chardonnay  
3% Semillon

### District of origin of grapes

97% McLaren Vale, South Australia  
3% Adelaide Hills, South Australia

### Vinification

Machine harvested from our various vineyards in the cool of the night in the month of February 2007.

A cold and slow fermentation with aromatic yeasts in stainless steel vats.

Partial malolactic fermentation (about 65%)

Bottled to screwcap to retain freshness.

### Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%  
pH 3.40  
Acid 6.50g/L  
Sugar 1.4g/L

### Colour

Very pale straw with lime coloured overtones.

### Nose

The tropical fruits emanating from the glass remind me of that beautiful burst of aromatics you get when you peel an orange. It's pure, heady and refreshing.

### Palate

As the wine hits your tastebuds, you are immediately rewarded with a big lick of tropical fruits and tangelo's (my favourite fruit). This is what Chardonnay looks like, when it isn't covered up with oak and big buttery overtones. It's fresh, lively, and boy does it have some length of palate. There is a really attractive mid-palate creaminess, derived from 5 months on yeast lees, which wraps around the zippy back palate. Give me another glass!

### Food match

Serve this wine lightly chilled. It's firm, fruity flavours with a hint of creaminess will suit straightforward dishes such as fresh seafood or roast chicken.

Alternatively, this style of wine works equally well as an unaccompanied aperitif.

### Winemakers comments

I draw inspiration for my RockBare Chardonnays from the Sauvignon Blanc wines from Sancerre in France. They have beautiful racy acidity with amazing mouth-feel and length of palate, and I'm a firm believer that McLaren Vale Chardonnay is perfectly suited to emulating this style of wine.

I harvest when I see the tropical flavours appear in the fruit (which is usually earlier than most other winemakers from McLaren Vale), ferment using yeast that enhance the aromatics of the wine and run the ferments at very cool temperatures. Tim Burvill - Winemaker



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