

## 2023 HIGH ROAD EDEN VALLEY CHARDONNAY

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Chardonnay is one of the most highly prized white varieties in the world. In a diverse region like the Barossa, we have chosen to take the **High Road** to Eden Valley, Barossa's high country and premium cool-climate district, to capture the very best flavour and texture that Chardonnay has to offer.

### THE WINERY

Langmeil Winery respectfully acknowledges the Kurna, Ngadjuri and Peramangk people, past, present and future, the traditional custodians of the land on which we grow and make our wines.

The Lindner family of Langmeil Winery has been immersed in the Barossa's culture of farming, food, wine and community for six generations. Their commitment to quality in all aspects is unwavering, and any wine that bears the Langmeil name represents the family's pursuit of excellence in wine and community.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

#### 2023 VINTAGE REPORT

2023 saw a much later start to vintage due to higher-than-average winter rains followed by mild spring and summer temperatures. Above-average yields also added to the slow ripening time.

The lovely, aromatic, balanced whites and elegant, structured, somewhat spicier, peppery reds reflect the mild conditions. The wet start to the growing season added disease pressure with downy mildew reducing the crop, and botrytis reared its head in late-ripening vineyards. Harvest finished in early May, and it was a struggle to ripen some of our Eden Valley reds fully. Overall, 2023 was a cooler and fresher vintage expression, and we missed out on some of our premium parcels of Eden Valley fruit. On the plus side, our dams in the Eden Valley are full for a change!

It's another cracking, cooler vintage.

**Colour:** Mid straw with brilliant, pale gold hues.

**Aroma:** An inviting and fresh aroma of citrus, peach, tropical fruit and cucumber combined with a touch of marzipan adding complexity.

**Palate:** Fresh melon flows through the palate blending into peach and citrus in the mouth. Hints of nutty and creamy barrel-ferment characters and a zesty finish are balanced by a lovely texture, some minerality and zingy acidity.

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*



### GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Eden Valley

### GRAPE COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

### OAK TREATMENT

Barrel fermented in 46% new, 18% 2<sup>nd</sup> fill French oak and 36% unwooded

### VINE AGE

Planted 1979/1980/2002

### SUBREGIONAL SOURCE

Flaxman Valley

### YIELD PER ACRE

1.5 tonnes per acre

### TRELLISING

Double vertical wire, permanent cordon, spur pruned

### SOIL TYPE

Grey, sandy loam, mostly decomposed granite and ironstone

### HARVEST DETAILS

24 March

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.37

TA: 6.66 g/L

Residual Sugar: 3.5 g/L

VA: 0.26 g/L