

# STELLA BELLA

## 2018 Chardonnay



### Appearance

Bright pale straw.

### Aroma

Savoury complex aromas of nougat and gunflint are complimented by fresh fruit aromas of lime rind, grapefruit, yellow peach and praline. Wild fermentation and high solids add complexity, which together with well-balanced new oak, provide a wine of distinct southern Margaret River character.

### Palate

Aromatically this wine is driven by lemon, lime and grapefruit, with the warmer vintage providing yellow peach and nutty, savoury complexity. Signature gun flint and oyster shell compliment the pure fresh fruit aromas. The summer sea breezes and pristine fruit capture an element of saltiness alongside generous flavours of peach, lemon and lime driving length and tension through the palate.

### Enjoyment

Grilled crayfish with mustard and burnt butter - Gourmet Traveller

### Wine Specs

Blend	100% Chardonnay
Oak	35% New
Cellar	Now to 2028
Alcohol	13.1%
pH	3.24
Acidity	7.77

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Stella Bella Chardonnay has a finer, more mineral expression due to its southern Margaret River origin. A great example of the modern style without the excesses, it is medium bodied, well integrated and full of flavour.

### Place

A blend of Stella Bella's southern Margaret River vineyards. A multiple personality wine, it represents the uniqueness of each vineyard site while maintaining a defined Stella Bella style.

### Vintage 2018

A wet December with a very heavy rainfall event (over 100mm) event at veraison provided perfect moisture in the soil for our Chardonnay vineyards. Dry conditions from January through until mid-April resulted in another classic vintage, with very high natural acidity in all our Southern Margaret River vineyards which is a true reflection of a very high quality year.

### Winemaking

Hand-picked and whole bunch pressed to extract the free run juice only. The juice was wild fermented in barrel using a combination of 35% new and the remainder 2-5 year old oak. Battonage was undertaken based on taste throughout maturation to deliver a precise aroma, line and length. The wine was matured in French oak for 10 months before bottling.