

cool climate. hand crafted. softly farmed.

# Icons of Woodside 2019 'Q96' Chardonnay

## THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is situated in the cool climate Adelaide Hills Region and records temperatures five degrees centigrade cooler than Adelaide. The mesoclimate is ideally suited to producing premium fine wine as the cool temperatures promote late bud-burst and long, slow ripening of fruit. The Onkaparinga River runs through the vineyard in its eastern aspect.

Altitude: 365m – 400m above sea level Annual rainfall: 800mm Area under vines: 220 acres - trellised single cordon

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Vintage 2019 was a challenge for us all in the Adelaide Hills. Lucky for us though, fruit quality remained high even though yields were down. It was also a quick vintage, with all grapes off the vine within 3.5 weeks, in early March. This meant we could spend more time in the winery working on the finished product of what would go into the bottle.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented,

**Maturation**: 12 months in oak on gross lees, 45% new oak. 70% French oak, 30% American oak. Partial malolactic fermentation

### THE WINE

**Origin:** Block Q planted in 2001 **Area**: 16.8 acres **Soil**: predominately brown podzolic clays over quartz subsoil's and heavy rock

Clone: 96 Bernard

Colour: Straw

**Bouquet:** Opens with aromas of creamy ripe white nectarines and apples.

**Palate:** Good round mouth-feel with clean and crunchy flavours from pure stone fruits. A crisp and fresh yet rich chardonnay.

pH: 3.22 Rs: 0.7g/L TA: 6.73g/L Alc: 12.70%



