



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE 'FOUR CLONES' 2022 Orange Chardonnay

Our Orange Chardonnay show classic cool climate fruit characters of white flowers and peach, integrated with barrel ferment complexity. A crisp and elegant style with lovely nectarine-like acidity. A wine to be enjoyed now or will benefit short term cellaring.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season started out promising with lots of sunshine and perfect ripening days however Mother Nature came to play just before the fruit needed to be picked causing some concern for a few weeks. It was testimony to the hard working vineyard crew that the fruit was able to be picked in great condition with lovely natural acidity and good primary fruit intensity. Chardonnay, Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon will be the varieties to keep an eye out for.

VINEYARD

The Orange region of New South Wales is one of Australia's newest premium regions being favoured for its high altitude cool climate. Situated approximately 270 km west of Sydney the topography and soils of the Orange region are dominated by the extinct volcano Mt Canobolas. The present day peak of the mountain is at 1400m and vineyards in the region are planted at elevations as high as 1100m with the lowest elevations in the region being 600m.

Soils in the central part of the region are derived from the basaltic lavas of the old volcano, and primarily consist of deep red to brown free draining clay loams.

APPELLATION / GI

Orange (New South Wales)

WINEMAKING

The targeted blocks were hand harvested when ready and then whole bunch pressed to tank. The resulting juice was settled clear overnight before being racked to French oak puncheons. Following ferment the resulting wines were left for 10-11 months in oak before being blended and prepared for bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Chardonnay
BOTTLING DATE:	02/2023
PH:	3.49
TA:	6.5 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.3%
STANDARD DRINKS:	7.9



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