



BOWEN ESTATE

classic coonawarra

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2016 Bowen Estate Chardonnay

- Region:** Coonawarra, Australia
- Variety:** Chardonnay 100%
Totally Estate grown and hand pruned
- Vintage:** The 2016 growing season was very dry, beginning with below average Winter rains. A warm October advanced the season through to harvest by two weeks. Good flower set in November resulted in slightly above average yields and the mild days and cool nights in February and March extended the ripening period producing well balanced fruit across all varieties. Despite the early season the fruit developed full palate depth, lovely tannins, complex fruit characters and excellent colour. Another very good vintage from Bowen Estate.
- Wine:** This wine exhibits a lovely rich textured palate with a fine acid backbone to round out the mouth feel. Lovely melon and ripe peach characters add to the attractiveness of this wine. We moved to making this refined style over a decade ago. During this time, we also redeveloped the trellis system in our small one acre Chardonnay vineyard. It now mirrors our red varietal vineyards with arch cane trellising to complement the hand pruning. This has enhanced the quality and balance of the fruit that our vines produce.
- Drink:** Drink now or over the next 2 years.

The Bowen Family is proud to guarantee the origin of this wine.

All grapes used are grown and harvested from our vineyards located on Coonawarra's famous terra rossa soil.