



BOWEN ESTATE

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2018 Bowen Estate Chardonnay

- Region:** Coonawarra, South Australia
- Variety:** Chardonnay 100%
Estate grown, hand pruned and hand picked
- Vintage:** The growing season leading into vintage 2018 saw good rain events but a few late frosts reduced the yield over a small area of our vineyard. However, this was compensated by a very healthy fruit set across the balance of our vineyard. January onwards we experienced great weather conditions through to picking. Ideal day time temperatures for ripening, and slightly warmer than normal nights, with only one period of refreshing rain. A warm first week of March with day time temperatures up to 33C hastened ripening especially for the early ripening variety Shiraz blocks. All the portents and excitement of the excellent quality of the 2018 grapes and wine.
- Wine:** Lively aromas leap out of the glass. Fresh bright grape and pear fruit flavours are delicately balanced with fine French oak characteristics bestowing both fruit flavours and texture from its small oak fermentation. The acidity structure ensures that the palate is pleasingly lively, but is balanced by the complex texture from the time the wine spent on yeast lees. This wine is an excellent example of a modern day Australian Chardonnay. Ideal drinking as it is, or paired with seafood and Asian dishes.
- Drink:** Drink 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 sustainably grown vineyards located on Coonawarra's famous terra rossa soil.