



# Ladies who Shoot their Lunch

## 2018 “WILD FERMENT” CHARDONNAY

### FOWLES WINES

Fowles Wine vineyards and winery are located in the dramatic granite landscape of Strathbogie Ranges region of Victoria, Australia. The Strathbogie Ranges is characterized by massive granite boulders – the very boulders that have given rise, over millions of years, to the sandy loam soils in which the vines grow.

### VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine was picked in the first week of March, 2018 from Green Stone Vineyard (60%) in the Yarra Valley and Fowles own Upton Run Vineyard (40%) in the Strathbogie Ranges. The fruit from the Greenstone vineyard provides the lovely mid palate peachy fruits in the wine; the Strathbogie component providing a mineral complexity

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were destemmed and crushed using open rollers to minimize phenolic extraction to help create a more delicate wine. A combination of old-world juice handling techniques including oxidative juice handling and fermentation on solids to add texture and complexity. This wine was wild fermented in barrel, which adds complexity and texture to the wine.

A small portion of the wine (10%) underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the natural acids in the grapes, encourage lovely butterscotch aromas, and enhance the body and flavor. The wine was matured in new French oak (30%) and old French oak (30% one-year-old, 30% two-year-old, 10% other) for 11 months.

**Vintage Comments:** 2018 was an excellent year all round. Conditions were mild with average rainfall throughout the year which allowed the grapes to ripen evenly. Yields were low and the development of flavor and sugars throughout the ripening process was balanced.

### THE WINE

This chardonnay is a rich straw yellow in colour. Lovely complex aromas of white peach rise from the glass balanced with soft notes of oak, savoury cream and hints of minerality. On the palate, a seamless integration of fruit, oak and acidity gives a mouth filling richness to finish.

PH 3.42

T/A 6.5 g/L

Alc 13.2%

### CELLARING RECOMMENDATION

Enjoy now or until 2029.



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STRATHBOGIE RANGES