

Penfolds

RESERVE BIN 01A

CHARDONNAY 2001

This one-off special Bin wine was made alongside the 2001 vintage of Penfolds Yattarna. It follows the successful release of Penfolds Reserve Bin 94A, 95A, 98A and 00A, which were all enthusiastically received upon release, and have encouraged the continuation of these occasional batch wines.

This wine was made to showcase what Penfolds' winemakers can achieve when they have access to small quantities of high quality material in superior vintages. Careful selection of grapes from some of the best vineyards in Tumbarumba and the Adelaide Hills has resulted in a very limited quantity of this superb Chardonnay. Individual, fine-grained, French oak barrels were selected for perfect integration, complexity, and fruit expression. The wine is unfiltered and underwent complete malolactic fermentation.



VINEYARD REGION	Tumbarumba, Adelaide Hills
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The Tumbarumba region located in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains in NSW escaped the January heat that was seen throughout Australia. The season started with good winter and spring rains, followed by warm days and cool night, encouraging even fruit set. Parcels of Chardonnay selected from vineyards that had high flavour intensity would ultimately be destined for Penfolds prized Yattarna.
GRAPE VARIETY	Chardonnay
MATURATION	The wine was fermented and matured in a mixture of new and one-year-old French oak. Fermentation was carried out using natural yeasts found in the vineyard. Following fermentation traditional lees stirring was carried out.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.50% Acidity: 5.90g/L pH: 3.38
LAST TASTED	29-Jul-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2010
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Chicken, Seafood, Veal.

Winemaker comments by Oliver Crawford

COLOUR

Pale straw.

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Quince and white stone-fruit aromas dominate this youthful wine. The well handled oak complements the fruit, exhibiting a complex array of nut and flint like characters.

PALATE

This tightly structured wine offers rich, upfront, white peach and subtle lime leaf characters. The creamy mid palate is balanced by the clean finish. Still in its youth, this wine will age for many years to come.