

2009 Cape Jaffa Unwooded Chardonnay



The Region

The Mount Benson Wine Region is a recently defined viticultural area situated 300km south of Adelaide on the Limestone Coast. Its key attributes for producing distinctive quality fruit include an abundance of underground water, *terra rossa* soil over free-draining limestone and a cool maritime climate. The region is renowned for producing elegant and complex wines.

Vineyards

Cape Jaffa's chardonnay vines are generally cropped low. Vigour is controlled through careful irrigation with the objective of having partially shaded bunches. The distinctive fruit that results shows tropical notes detectable all the way through from the berry to the glass.

Vintage

The 2009 vintage afforded Mount Benson fruit a long and low growing season, allowing for even ripening across our chardonnay blocks. No rain in February meant grapes arrived in exceptional condition.

Winemaking

The vibrant chardonnay grapes from our vineyard inspired the production of an unwooded style. Tank fermentation and gentle winemaking allows the unique character of the fruit to shine.

Winemaker

Anna Hooper

Variety

Chardonnay

Aroma

An aromatic blend of tropical peaches and melon form the nose of this refreshing dry white.

Palate

The palate is fruit-driven with a creamy mouthfeel and delicate natural fruit sweetness on the finish.

Alcohol/Volume

13.5%

Peak drinking

Now – 2010

Serving Suggestion

Natural oysters with wasabi & lime dressing