

## 2016 Chardonnay

### Tasting Notes

Pristine and clear with a glowing straw-green colour. Aromas of grapefruit, lime with honey, almond and oatmeal notes from the influence of understated oak. On the palate it's elegant but flavoured with grapefruit and pear characters, leading to a crisp finish.

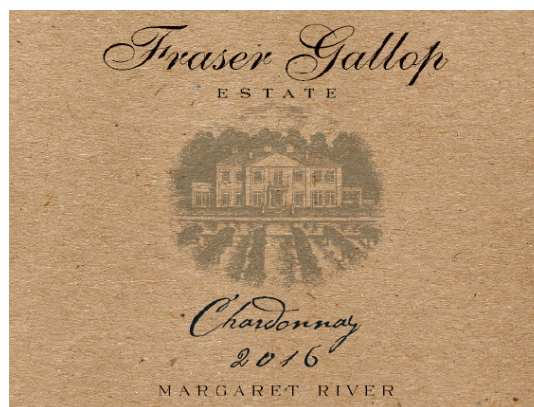
### Winemaker Comments

We look to downplay the influence of oak and let the pristine fruit flavours take main stage. It's energetic and long with a high drinkability factor.

### Vintage

Our usual winter rainfall arrived early in the season, which then eased off in the later half and into spring. This provided the region with a warmer than average spring, and as a result predictions for another early vintage were being made. Rain returned in December, and the weather returned to normal through to the second week of January.

Rain in mid-January had an immediate effect and recharged the dry sub-soils. As the fruit was still firm, quality wasn't effected, and came into the winery clean, vibrant with layers of flavour.



<b>Varieties</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Harvested</b>	February 2016
<b>Oak</b>	Four months, 2-3 year old French oak barriques and stainless steel barrels.
<b>TA</b>	7.46g/l
<b>PH</b>	3.23
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	2.1g/l
<b>Alcohol</b>	13%
<b>Bottled</b>	July 2016
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drinks beautifully on release and up to 5 years.

