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Clonale by Kooyong 2023 – Reviews

The WineFront, May 2024

Gary Walsh

Here we go. This is Tim Perrin's first vintage, and I like the cut of his jib. Riper. Less worked. Melon and stone fruit, lime, some spice and nougat, maybe even some fennel perfume. It's glossy, but has bright grapefruit acidity, a slight flintiness to texture, plenty of flavour, lemon oil, with some creamy cashew and spice, something just a little bit savoury/umami, and a finish of excellent length. It's a lovely expression of Chardonnay that drinks so well. It's the best release of Clonale in many years. I'm touch and go for 94 points.

93 points

Winsor's Choice, May 2024

Winsor Dobbin

Vintage after vintage, winemaker after winemaker, this is consistently one of Australia's best "affordable" chardonnay choices. Tim Perrin is the new winemaker in charge at sibling labels Kooyong and Port Phillip Estate and he's not missed a beat, slipping into the role with immediate impact. This is a blend of fruit from estate vineyards in Tuerong and Balnarring on the cool Mornington Peninsula. Think whole-bunch pressing; natural ferment and maturation in large format oak, lees aging and minimal intervention. It is a wine with lively varietal character, youthful charm and bright acid on the finish.

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