



Bink Wines

2020

'CROSSROADS'

Chardonnay | Barossa Valley - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN



ZERO/ZERO

Stats

Grapes: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard: Single site in southern Barossa Valley

Vine Age: 28-years-old

Viticulture: Practicing Organic

Fermentation: Native in concrete tank (whole-bunch pressed)

Skin Contact: None

Aging: 9 months in seasoned French puncheons

pH: 3.5

Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L

Total SO2: 16 ppm

Total Production: 100 cases

Reviews

James Suckling | 91 points

Vinous | 92 points

About

Koen calls this wine 'Crossroads' because he certainly is not out to make traditional Barossa Chardonnay. Most examples are very heavy on the palate and stray as far from precision and elegance as can be attained. That being said, Koen greatly respects the Barossa as it is the spiritual home in many ways for the Aussie wine industry and has produced many of the iconic wines that shaped his path toward making Australian wines. Hence he is at the Crossroad. This wine hails from a single site in the cooler pocket of the southern Barossa.

In 2020 this was the first pick of the harvest for Koen and was 100% whole-bunch pressed to concrete tanks where the juice went in quite 'dirty' with full lees. Fermentation started naturally after 18 hours and lasted about a week. It spent another four days in tank prior to being racked to old French puncheons where the wine aged and went through malolactic fermentation for nine months. It was bottled without fining, filtration or sulfur dioxide.

Tasting Note

Without being to rude about it, smells like Chablis. Crushed oyster shells, nashi pear, soft touch of acacia honey. The palate has a rush of the pear notes first and with crisp, biting acidity that trails off to softer 'classic' Chardonnay components. It is a delightful glass/bottle of Barossa Chardonnay.