

Stats

Grapes: 100% Chardonnay Vineyard: Chapel Valley Vineyard (Piccadilly) Vine Age: 39-years-old Soil Type: Very sandy loam over 70 million year old shale rock Viticulture: Practicing organic Fermentation: Native - whole-bunch pressed to oak Skin Contact: None Aging: 8 months in French oak puncheon and barrique (30% new) Alcohol: 11.8% pH: 3.34 Total Acidity: 5.5 g/L Total SO2: 91 ppm Total Production: 100 cases UPC: None

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Chardonnay | Adelaide Hills - Australia



About

When asked to describe the ethos of this wine, Louis responded with a quippy one-liner: "Fine cold, climate chardonnay to be drunk in a DJ booth at 3am." Aptly named 'Loud Places,' this wine also pulls inspiration from the eponymous track by Jamie XX. This wine is one of those fun spins on a classic variety, a telltale sign of a new wave producer in South Australia. The grapes come from a single vineyard in Piccadilly called Chapel Valley. The 2023 vintage was a particularly cool and wet one in the Adelaide Hills and as such, it a very low yielding year for Chardonnay in the Piccadilly Valley.

Grapes were hand harvested and then whole-bunch pressed to French oak puncheons and barriques (30% new). Fermentation kicked off spontaneously, as all of Louis' wines do, and the lots remained there for 8 months before being blended and bottled with a dash of sulfur. No fining and just a gentle sterile filtration.

Tasting Notes

Golden and lively Chardonnay, offering a zesty, citrus mouthfeel intertwined with almond, vanilla, and brioche hints. The enduring finish is attributed to the prominent Piccadilly Valley acidity, making it a perfect choice for lively gatherings and late-night celebrations.

