

# GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY  
SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

## 2004 Sexton Chardonnay 'Bernard Clones 95 & 96'



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**Appellation:** Yarra Valley, Australia  
**Vineyard:** Giant Steps Vineyard  
**Clones:** Bernard Clones 95 & 96  
**Harvest Date:** Early March, 2004  
**Bottling Date:** Early February, 2005  
**Alc/Vol:** 14%  
**Closure:** Screwcap

**Season:**

Chardonnay fruit came off with good physiological balance. Fully ripe fruit with pH in the 3 to 3.1 range augers well for structure and age worthiness.

**Vinification:**

Whole bunch pressed to tank then transferred to barrel after 8 hours of settling. Barrel fermented at 25-27°C with various cultured and indigenous yeasts. Lees stirred weekly, then monthly after May. No malolactic fermentation. Gravity racked to tank for protein and cold stabilization. No fining. Sieve filtered at bottling.

**Oak:**

11 months in French oak barriques: 40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% older.

**Nose:**

Roasted walnuts and hazelnuts. Smoky toasty oak. Nutty, yeasty lees characters.

**Palate:**

Chewy sweeter stone fruit. Fluffy velvety texture. Lime citrus.

**Cellar:**

Drink now or hide in the cellar for 2-10 years for additional complexity.

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