



Mak

2005 Chardonnay

Region

Adelaide Hills

Varieties

Chardonnay

Technical Analysis

13.5% alc/vol

Background

Like the recounting of local Australian bushlore Mak wines embody the ‘core of regional Australia’, promoting and championing the unique characters of Australia’s wine districts. Mak is not constrained to any one area but instead seeks to produce wines that are ‘best of type’, utilizing varieties that are recognized as the most suited to a particular area.

“On the Road to Gundagai” is a fascinating piece of Australian bush lore that personifies the Aussie battler, and the pioneering spirit. Transporting badly needed supplies, drovers were required to cross several treacherous rivers, including Five Mile Creek near Gundagai. As legend goes, Bullocky Bill the stoic but somewhat unlucky drover became bogged at Five Mile Creek. The yoke of his bullock team broke and on top of that, the dog shat on his tuckerbox (food and supplies case). Later interpretations of the legend had the drover’s faithful mutt guarding the tuckerbox, while his master went for help.

Tasting Notes

Displays a youthful green/gold color with aromas of citrus and green apple. Is furthered by hints of grapefruit, so typical of cool climate chardonnay, and especially fruit from the Adelaide Hills.

Fresh zesty flavors of melon, grapefruit and nectarine are dominant on the front palate. The complexity is evident in the textural qualities of the wine – a good weight and ‘thickness’. A subtle, persistent richness with a lingering mouthfeel of tropical fruits finishes it off.

88 pts – Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate

87 pts – Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar

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