

## Bellingham Chardonnay 2000

Colour: Clear and brilliant, light gold in colour with green hues.

Nose: Elegant, open and understatedly complex with unfolding layers of lemons, buttery toast, vanilla and butterscotch aromas.

Palate: Rich textured mouthfilling flavours of orange peel, butterscotch and lemon cream. The excellent integration and balance of all the components adds elegance. The rich long after-taste provides a savoured pleasure. An elegant and complex full bodied Chardonnay, with big character expressions which gives it great maturation potential and makes it well suited for food.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Charles Hopkins

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.54 % vol    rs : 2.6 g/l    pH : 3.28    ta : 5.93 g/l

type : White

pack : Bottle



**in the vineyard :** The grapes were sourced from choice vineyards varying from cool meso-climates to slightly warmer, as the various clones prefer different conditions, in which they perform best. Special attention was given to selecting clones which favour serious wood maturation.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested at optimum phenolic ripeness, to obtain the full flavours and desired alcohol levels.

**in the cellar :** The grapes from the different vineyards were crushed separately and placed in new French oak barrels for fermentation. A period of less contact followed after which the wines continued the maturation in wood for nine months, resulting in well integrated fruit and wood flavours.

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