

Wadandi Country Chardonnay 2023

Munda (land, terroir)

Margaret River, Western Australia

Some of the oldest geology on Earth, where rolling vineyards sit atop ancient granite bedrocks that form part of the Yilgarn Craton - a geological formation over 2.5 billion years old. These bedrocks have weathered into ironstone gravel, loamy sands, and limestone-rich soils, often layered in deep laterite. Soils here retain moisture well yet drain freely, fostering slow, even ripening.

Cooling maritime breezes that flow off the Indian Ocean temper summer heat and extend ripening periods. Wines from this region are shaped as much by ocean wind and ancient granite as by vine or barrel. This is Wadandi munda – enduring, elemental, and quietly exacting.



Vintage

2023 delivered one of Margaret River's most consistent vintages in recent memory. Winter rainfall replenished soil moisture, setting up healthy vine canopies ahead of a dry, mild summer. These stable growing conditions resulted in an extended ripening window – perfect for Chardonnay. The fruit was harvested with excellent natural acidity, refined flavour development, and a bright, saline edge that reflects both site and season.

Tasting Notes

Complex and enticing, the nose reveals savoury mineral tones, oatmeal, and spice layered with white peach and delicate citrus florals. The palate offers flavours of white stone fruit and pear, with subtle cashew notes from oak influence. A gently textured mid-palate leads to a bright, focused finish, driven by fine lemon-sherbet acidity.

Harvest

Hand-harvested in the cool morning hours of mid-February, during the Bunuru season – the Noongar time of adolescence, marked by white flowers and warm breezes.

FERMENTATION	Barrel fermented in a mix of new and seasoned French oak barriques
TREATMENT	Matured for nine months on lees in barrel prior to blending; further three months' maturation in tank prior to bottling
CELLARING	Seven to ten years in optimum cellaring conditions
SERVING	10 - 13 C, in a generously sized glass
ALCOHOL	13.5%
CLOSURE	Stelven (screwcap)

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Munda Wines isn't about playing safe. It's about playing *true*. We craft expressive, benchmark wines that capture the singular munda of each region. More than just terroir, munda speaks to the deeply rooted character of place – its soil, its contours, its ancient geology. The wind that threads through a particular gully. The warmth held in granite at dusk. The invisible imprint of time.

By acknowledging and elevating Traditional Countries through wine, we hope to offer something both accessible and meaningful: a conversation that begins in the glass, but reaches far beyond it.