



# 2016 MCPHERSON CHARDONNAY

*Andrew and Nicki McPherson established a small vineyard in country Australia in 1968. With their family's help they built one of Australia's leading wineries and are widely recognised as pioneers of the Australian Wine Industry. Today, McPherson Wines are being enjoyed in twenty six countries across the globe and are one of Australia's largest family owned wineries.*

*The wines are celebrated for their beautifully crafted, fruit driven, Australian style.*

## Winemaker: Jo Nash

***The youngest daughter in the McPherson clan, Catriona rebelled against family tradition and became a lawyer. Now married with three children she juggles family life and corporate law, and on the weekends heads to the vineyard to relax with family and her favourite Chardonnay.***

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Acid	6.3 g/L
pH	3.35
Alcohol	13%
Best Consumed	2017 - 2021

### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

This wine was crafted from 100 percent Chardonnay grapes, sourced from our vineyards in Central Victoria and the Murray Darling region, located within South Eastern Australia. Grapes were picked and crushed during the cool of night so as to retain their fresh, varietal flavours. The juice was then divided into various parcels. Each parcel of juice underwent a different treatment, such as malolactic fermentation; fermentation and aging with French oak; or spending an extended period on yeast lees. These treatments resulted in an individually flavoured parcel of wine with the unique character and personality of the final blend a result of the special handling of various winemaking techniques.

### JO'S HARVEST NOTES

The best way to describe vintage 2016 is fast & furious! There was no orderly ripening of fruit, no luxury of white fruit followed by red fruit, it was like the flood gates opened and everything just rolled in at once. Again we had little rain and a very hot spring leading up to harvest, which meant things ripened faster than normal. Optimum flavours and ripeness came on more quickly than previous years and the only way around it was to pick as fast as we could. Thankfully we managed to juggle our way through it, and now quality looks exceptionally good.

### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

A fresh, fruit driven wine displaying aromas of tropical fruits and peaches with just a hint of lightly toasted oak. The palate exhibits fresh, ripe Chardonnay flavours of melon and fig with a delicate, creamy texture and a crisp, clean finish. Very subtle oak handling complements and completes the wine.

### JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

McPherson Chardonnay is a versatile wine that pairs well with a wide range of foods. Brilliant with roast chicken and grilled fish, or char grilled calamari.

