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MOLLY'S BLEND

Vintage 2009

Region Central Ranges N.S.W. Australia

Grape Variety Chardonnay 48% Verdelho 32% Sauvignon Blanc 12% Semillon 8%

Alcohol Content 13.5%

Release Date November 2009

Cellaring Potential 2-3 years

Growing Season The fruit for this wine was selected from vineyards all over the Estate. The 2009 growing season was dry and we experienced medium growth in all white varieties. We had planned to harvest one block of Chardonnay very late for a late pick style. We managed to get the Chardonnay to 15 baume with the fruit still looking in excellent shape and it was harvested at night on March 8th around 3 weeks after all the other Chardonnay had been harvested. The other varieties in this blend were managed and harvested with their initial purpose in mind.

Winemaking This wine was developed to produce a fruity wine of great complexity. The Chardonnay portion of the wine was fermented as a standalone late pick tank. The wine was fermented with QA23 yeast and was not fermented dry to allow for some residual sugar to add to the complexity. Inner-staves were added during fermentation to further enhance the ripe characters. Following many blending trials and consumer feedback the final blend was put together in September 2009 and the wine was prepared for bottling and release in November.

Tasting Notes Molly's blend is a classic fruit driven style. The nose and palate display a combination of dried apricots and honeysuckle. The palate is rich and full with a lingering finish. Enjoy with many foods including roast meats, vegetables or a selection of aged cheeses.