



2020 'Highbury Fields'



Variety:	Chardonnay
Region:	Great Southern
Vineyard(s):	Highbury Fields
Soil(s):	Gravel & loams over clay
Vine Age:	Mix of 18 (dominant) and 46 years (small component)
Viticulture:	Sustainable / Minimal Inputs / Dry grown
Fermentation:	French barrels (<5% new) and 2500L oak cask / mostly wild
Elevage:	Minor stirring on lees / Partial MLF

Bright straw with green hues. Aromas of white stonefruit, citrus peel with some nutty complexity. Generous palate with more stonefruit flavours. Textured with elegant natural acidity to finish.

THE VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season in Mount Barker was dry but mild. It began with one of the driest winters on record and continued through to harvest with the exception of some good rainfall in August and an important smaller amount in November. Summer was again dry although with moderate daytime temperatures and few days exceeding 85 degrees. Some welcome rain in March helped maintain ripening, and the mild temperatures meant harvest dates were generally a little later across most varieties, especially the whites.

THE WINERY

Established in 1965, Forest Hill Vineyard is Western Australia's oldest cool climate vineyard. Situated 20km west of Mount Barker, the vineyard consists of 40 hectares of dry farmed vines. Forest Hill is family owned and run by the Lyons family, with winemaker Guy Lyons managing the vineyard and winery along with Liam Carmody and Ross Pike. The Lyons family has been farming in the Great Southern for four generations and purchased the Forest Hill Vineyard in 1995. The farming methods are simple—cane pruning with attentive canopy management and shoot positioning. No herbicides are used in the vineyards with livestock running through the vines outside of the growing season. Organic composts and teas are distributed to further improve soil health promoting microbial activity.



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