



## 2015 The Sermon Tree Chardonnay



### *The Story*

Charles Hewett, one of the original owners of the Oxenberry Farm site, was a very religious man. In the years preceding a church being constructed in McLaren Vale in 1844, he often held sermons for the local community on the Oxenberry property under a huge old hollow gum tree that once stood around 100m from the Oxenberry Farm cellar door. It is said that this tree also provided shelter from the elements for the Hewett family before their house was built.

### *Winemaking Style*

A very nouveau Australian style of producing Chardonnay with minimal new French oak treatment and sustained maturation time on lees prior to bottling. This achieved maximum complexity of palate flavours yet retained the beautiful fresh apple flavours of Chardonnay fruit.

### *Tasting Notes*

A very approachable style of Chardonnay, full of peach, honeydew melon and lychee on the nose and palate. Hints of grapefruit and citrus temper the palate. 10% new French oak in the winemaking process offers the wine nutty and toasted almond characters, adding length and structure to the wine.

### *Food Pairing*

Finishing off crisp and clean, it is an excellent food wine that matches well with chicken and fresh white seafood dishes (especially white fish, squid, prawn and crab).

McLaren Vale – 100% Chardonnay

12.5% alc/vol | 7.4 standard drinks

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