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BK WINES



SWABY CHARDONNAY 2020

BK WINES || BK Wines was established in 2007 by Brendon and Kirstyn Keys. Today, they are the poster child for the modern artisan, natural wine movement in the Adelaide Hills. “The goal has been to create fabulous art. Beautiful, unique, sensuous, deceptively minimalist, envelope-pushing art. With no pretensions to be somewhere it’s not and few preconceived notions about what wine styles to expect, this is a place where non-conformity is the rule.” The wines are all from small, single vineyard sites, fermented with wild yeasts, unfinned and unfiltered, some with extended skin contacts and of course, the use of clay fermentation eggs. Artist, winemaker, skater.

ADELAIDE HILLS || As Brendon says, Adelaide Hills is “just a cracking great place to live and make wine.” Working closely with a group of growers, BK sources from particular vineyard sites that reflect the uniqueness and diversity of the region.

SWABY CHARDONNAY 2020 ||

BLEND | 100% Chardonnay (110V1 and a small amount of Bernard clones)

VINEYARDS | Bernie Swaby was the Head Geologist for the University of South Australia in the 1980s and found this beautiful site in the Piccadilly Valley, one of the highest vineyards in Adelaide Hills, right below Mount Lofty. It is east facing at 650 meters with sandstone soils with quartz.

WINEMAKING | Hand harvested and direct pressed to French oak barrique, 25% of which are new. The wine underwent full malolactic, with fortnightly (that’s every two weeks) battonage for 8 months after which it was racked and bottled.

TASTING NOTES | Swaby absolutely evolves in response the vintage, but you can never accuse her of shrinking away like a violet: some years she breezes past like a cyclone and takes your breath, some she strides with consequence and a forceful click of the heels. 2020 sees her being properly severe and serious, all up in your business with spices and stone fruit. Have you ever noticed how ads on TV sound louder than the show you were just watching? They do not, in fact, turn the volume up to 11. Instead, more sound is actually compressed into the same audio space, exaggerating wavelengths. That’s our Swaby 2020 – concentrated, powerful and filling every possible void. With a pithy back palate and a muscular structure, she’s not even giving away too much just yet. This is a wine that will last in your cellar for a very long time, if you let it.



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