



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BONDAR WINES



## CHARDONNAY 2020

**BONDAR WINES** || Founded in 2013, Bondar is the vision of husband-and-wife team Andre Bondar and Selina Kelly. Their home is the Rayner Vineyard in McLaren Vale. The estate is comprised of plantings of dry-grown Grenache (up to 50 years old) and dry-grown Shiraz (up to 70 years old), with bush vine Grenache, bush vine Mourvedre, Carignan, Touriga, Counoise, Cinsault, and Sagrantino all more recent additions. Stylistically, Bondar is Andre and Selina's take on McLaren Vale fruit through the lens of cool climate experiences from the Northern Rhone to the Adelaide Hills.

**ADELAIDE HILLS** || In South Australia, Adelaide Hills lies in the Mount Lofty Ranges region extending north to the Barossa and Eden Valleys and south to the Fleurieu Peninsula and McLaren Vale. It is one of the oldest wine-producing regions in Australia, with extensive planting in the late 19th century and rebirth in the 1970s and 1980s. Lenswood and Piccadilly Valley are two distinct subregions of the Adelaide Hills today. Adelaide Hills has a cool climate due to elevation (400-650 meters) and is quite dry.



### CHARDONNAY 2020 ||

**BLEND** | 100% Chardonnay

**VINEYARDS** | Since 2013, Bondar has made their Chardonnay from the same single-vineyard site, the Rathmine Vineyard near Echunga. A beautiful vineyard, shaped like an amphitheatre, with east facing, Bernard clone vines on shallow clay loam riddled with limey rocks, on a limestone base.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand-picked in the cool of first morning, whole bunch pressed direct to barrel, and fermented naturally in French oak barrels (25% new) and ceramic egg. Some parcels were allowed to undergo malolactic naturally until the balance of acidity was right, but no lees stirring. Aged 10 months in oak until January before being blended and bottled in February.

### TASTING NOTES |

Orange blossom, nectarine, and white peach are well ripened in the wine, which also has a pleasant acidity and citrus flavor in its core. This perfectly captures the finesse, composure, and intensity of top-tier Australian Chardonnay.