



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BK WINES



## YANDRA 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.

### YANDRA CHARDONNAY 2020 ||

**BLEND** | 100% Chardonnay (G5V2 clone - German)

**VINEYARDS** | The Yandra/Gower Vineyard in Lenswood was planted in 1998 by Anne & Jeff Gower who farm it organically. Brendon and Kirsty are now taking over the management of the site, as Jeff is now 82 (young!). This steep, east facing site is sandstone with a deep clay pan to hold moisture.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand harvested and direct pressed to French oak barrique, 20% of which are new and one second use acacia barrel. The wine underwent full malolactic, with fortnightly (that’s every two weeks) battonnage for 8 months after which it was racked and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES |

This is one of our very favourite vineyards for many reasons – some personal, some vinous – so being able to feature a single-vineyard Chardonnay from this spot is a particular delight. Given the splendour of the discreet little valley from which it hails, little wonder it glints like sunshine in the glass. On the nose this is a huge, happy bouquet of flowers with a waxy, honeycomb thread. A velvety front palate and flavours deep into the melon spectrum with a crispy zip to finish. As any reasonable parent knows, you never really love one of your children more than the others, but there are those that are pretty easy to like. Yandra is enormously likeable.

