



Proudly celebrating a Chinese Tasmanian collaboration to produce world class wines from the Coal River's ancient soils.

2016 “Willow Series” Reserve Chardonnay

The ancient dolerite soils in southern Tasmania’s Coal River Valley produce some outstanding wines. Careful bunch selection, handpicking, barrel ageing and care in every detail make the *Willow Series* a proud statement of what our valley is capable of.

The Label

The Willow pattern, invented in the 1790s by Thomas Minton the famous potter, is a purely European representation of the East using Chinese symbolism. It is incorporated into the design of our reserve label to illustrate our heritage, the celebration of both our Chinese and western cultures and the quality of these wines.

Notes

Variety	100% Chardonnay				
Method	Barrel ferment				
Oak	10 months in French oak (15% new)				
Alc	12.5	pH	3.16	TA	7.9

Vintage

Adequate winter rainfall followed by settled conditions at flowering resulted in a good set of small bunches. A warm summer initially looked like bringing in an early crop until a cold spell late in the season slowed things up, pushing most of the picking into April.

Winemaking

Handpicked bunches were whole bunch pressed into a variety of French oak 226lt barrels (of which around 15% were new.) Primary fermentation was followed by partial malo-lactic fermentation and 10 months maturation with a single racking. They were bottled in Feb 2016 and aged in our cellars for a further year.

Tasting Note

Green/gold in colour with aromas of honeydew melon, butterscotch, peanut brittle and some dusty oak. In the mouth there are citrus notes, nuts, some creamy oak and a seam of acidity running through everything.

