



SITTELLA

2019 Silk

Vintage: 2019

Region: Swan Valley

Sub-region: Lower Swan

Variety: 41.8% Chardonnay / 13.2% Pinot Gris / 18.4% Chenin Blanc / 26.45% Verdelho

pH: 3.35

TA: 7.05g/l

Alcohol: 13.0%

Oak: 5% New oak (French oak)

Style: Highly aromatic, fine, crisp and well balanced

Soil type: loam, ironstone, clay/loam

Vineyard age: Average of vineyards – 20 years old

Winemakers: Colby Quirk and Yuri Berns

Wine: The 2019 vintage was a very strong follow up to the much anticipated 2018 vintage from the Swan Valley. It might be even better, especially the whites produced from this vintage as the ripening season experienced one degree cooler than average temperatures for three months straight from November to January. The weather was also dry which culminated in almost perfect fruit, and fruit purity and balanced, uninhibited by heat spikes.

Based upon the age old Australian white blend of character, aromatics and subtle texture, our 'Silk' is a wine which resonates easy drinking and pleasure all in the same go. Verdelho provides the fruit character and eccentrics, Chardonnay the shape and length, along with Chenin Blanc which adds silkiness and freshness to the blend of all three. The three varieties have existed in the Swan Valley for many decades and have proved themselves to be outstanding candidates for long age-ability as well as high drinkability. This has been a mainstay wine style for us at Sittella for over fifteen years. In the 2019 vintage we have introduced Pinot Gris to the blend, this gives the wine added complexity and depth on the palate.

Vinification: All the fruit is hand-picked, reductively handled, whole bunch pressed straight to tank. Fine texture through stirring the solids in tank, some of the blend is fermented in seasoned barrels for added complexity and texture. This wine will age for a very long time due to its low phenolic content, but will drink brilliantly in the short-term as it is as the name suggests "smooth as silk".

Tasting Notes: A swath of ripe citrus and fresh scented tropical fruits dominate this wines' aromatic profile. The four varieties give it an incredibly wide spectrum of aromas from apple, pear and lime, to guava mango and passionfruit. A finely structured, fresh, vibrant and long palate will give this wine balance and direction for many years. Our Silk can also be aged in your cellar for the ultimate Swan Valley complexity.