



HOUSE OF TOWNEND

FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Pitchfork Chardonnay

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<b>Price</b>	£10.49
<b>Code</b>	PITC001

A fresh, unoaked Chardonnay offering incredible value for money. A world away from the over-oaked, buttery fruit-bombs of 15 years ago!

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### Tasting Notes:

Light yet creamy with tropical flavours of peach, pineapple and citrus, leading to a long and satisfying finish.

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Specification	
<b>Vinification</b>	The Riverland region has fertile soil and makes the ideal climate to produce high quality wines. The fruit was picked in the first weeks of February and immediately crushed, destemmed, and chilled to drainer and screw-press to minimise juice contact with the skins of the grape. The juice was then fermented at temperatures of 14° – 16°C in large steel tanks, insulated to preserve temperature and using a carefully selected yeast to optimise varietal expression. Finally, the wine was blended and filtered for bottling as soon as possible to retain freshness and crisp fruit flavours.
<b>ABV</b>	12.5%
<b>Size</b>	75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink Now
<b>Country</b>	Australia
<b>Region</b>	South Eastern Australia
<b>Type</b>	White Wine
<b>Grapes</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Vintage</b>	2022
<b>Style</b>	Dry
<b>Body</b>	Soft, fruity and aromatic
<b>Producer</b>	Berton Vineyards
<b>Producer Overview</b>	Berton Vineyards was established in 1996 by Bob and Cherie Berton when they purchased a block of land in High Eden, a subregion of the Barossa Valley, South Australia. This idyllic property sits 450m above sea level on gently rolling hills - except for the Chardonnay block which is anything but gentle. Bob and Cherie set about planting the first Berton Vineyard cuttings that spring - ten acres of Shiraz and seven acres of Chardonnay - without any permanent water - it wasn't until the following year, in 1998 when the dam filled that the vines got a decent drink. It was due to these conditions and the seemingly hydrophobic podsolic soils that the vines struggled to become established. <b>Read more online</b>
<b>Closure Type</b>	Screw Cap
<b>Food Matches</b>	This wine is best enjoyed chilled and served with chicken dishes.
<b>Press Comments</b>	Highly Commended & "Top 50 Wines under £15" - Wine Merchant Top 100, 2024. Tom Surgey, Wine Writer, Instagram, February 2023: "Delicious, pure, tropical, unoaked Chard..."