



## BENDIGO SINGLE VINEYARD

# CHINA TERRACE

## 2019 B95 CHARDONNAY

*A single clone chardonnay from the very best rows in Gibbston Valley's™ China Terrace vineyard.*

### SINGLE VINEYARD

Drawing from Gibbston Valley's™ most intriguing vineyards, the Single Vineyard range gives full voice to site.

### 2019 BENDIGO GROWING SEASON

A very high quality vintage, in spite of a severe October frost. Warm spring and summer conditions gave even bunch weights and moderate yields. Benign conditions continued through to picking, with sufficient rainfall to keep vines healthy. Fruit at harvest was in beautiful condition.

### VINEYARD

The China Terrace Vineyard is located in the Bendigo subregion of Central Otago. Gently sloped on the lower edge of a large terrace (named China Terrace), it unfolds Pinot Noir and Chardonnay over some 6 hectares. Being over 320m, it retains a coolness relative to Bendigo's natural warmth. This, and the complex accumulation of loess, clay and schist in its soil, gives wines of fresh, bright complexity. The B95 clone is grown on the western perimeter of the vineyard, giving exposure to the evening sun and prevailing westerly.

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### HARVEST DETAILS

#### CLONE

B95

#### VINEYARD

China Terrace, 320m

#### SOIL

A mix of fine loess, clay and subsoil schist

#### HARVEST DATE

6/04/2019

#### BRIX

22.7

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

7 g/l

#### PH

3.2

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### WINE ANALYSIS

#### ALCOHOL

13.5%

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

N/A

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6 g/l

#### PH

3.35

### WINEMAKING DETAILS

Our philosophy is to encourage even ripening of bunches, allowing early picking whilst fruit flavours are in the citrus / peach / mineral spectrum. After hand picking, the fruit is very gently pressed to a maximum yield of 550 L/tonne and sent to barrel on full solids for fermentation. Both primary fermentation and MLF (100%) are indigenous. The wine spends 11 months in barriques and puncheons; with 25% new oak being used.

### AROMA AND PALATE

Pale bright straw gold. The nose has a rich array of peach and mealy characters. On the palate, a thread of flintiness that counters the wine's intensity and weight. Barrel notes and creaminess lend quiet support.

### CELLARING

With its clean, fresh structure, the China Terrace B95 Chardonnay will benefit from five years in the cellar, and will cellar comfortably for 10 years.

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