



TOLPUDDLE

VINEYARD

2016 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

	SEPTEMBER 2022
NATASHA HUGHES MW CLUB OENOLOGIQUE	A smoky nose suggests savoury restraint, which shows on the elegant palate too. Crisp green apples and lemon zest on the nose and palate. The oak seems more to the fore than in many vintages. Lacks a bit of focus on the finish. 91 POINTS
JANCIS ROBINSON JANCISROBINSON.COM	<i>Big crop. Bunch and berry size were weirdly big.</i> Still tight and tense and unyielding. Still embryonic but with some intrigue perhaps buried down there. Promising and persistent. Not quite the excitement of the 2015. Yet. 17 POINTS
	AUGUST 2018
JAMES SUCKLING	Superrefined and cool peach and grapefruit aromas with gently flinty mineral accents. The oak adds a smoky edge. The palate has powerful driving fruits with punch acid presence and a super long, fine and mouth-watering core of citrus and just-ripe white stone fruits. Grilled hazelnuts to close. Superb Chardonnay. Drink now. 97 POINTS
	AUGUST 2018
JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2019	A warm and drier than average season has resulted in richer and more intense flavours of stone fruit, ginger flower and preserved lemon. More complexity and depth from winemaking inputs such as whole-bunch pressed and fermentation in French oak with lees stirring throughout a 9-month period. Yet this never feels besieged, as the natural acidity glides across the palate reining everything in. A pleasure to drink. 96 POINTS
	AUGUST 2018
TONI PATERSON MW, THE REAL REVIEW	An alluring, heady aroma of fresh cream, gentle ginger spice and lemon butter. The grapefruity palate is deliciously textured and long with an outstanding phenolic frame. A sophisticated, well-made wine that has presence, style and intensity. Highly recommended.
	JUNE 2018
CAMPBELL MATTISON	Chardonnay from the Coal River Valley. Tolpuddle vineyard, planted in 1988. Great chardonnay. Fleshy with fruit, slung with acidity, flashed with flinty funk, and bitten by notes of grapefruit, wood spice and steel. Nashi pear and white peach flavours create the waves; spice and matchsticks add the glitter. It's beautiful now, and it will take age in style.
2018 INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE	GOLD
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2017 ROYAL MELBOURNE WINE AWARDS	GOLD



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RAY JORDAN MARCH 2018

Another exceptional wine from this exceptional vineyard in the Coal River Valley of Tasmania. Beautiful aromatics of vanilla bean and white peach with a profound mineral lees influence. Nice savoury characters on the palate with a mineral edge carrying through to a long finish. Quite an edgy acidity and it will no doubt settle into a neat groove in a few more years.

95 POINTS

TONY LOVE MARCH 2018

Tolpuddle 2016 Chardonnay is driven by its Coal River Valley source, which offers natural acidity with all the ultimate finesse that follows – whiffs of wheatgerm and sea shells, tastes of white crunchy nectarine, lemon and lime juice, and mouth-watering pithy texture to finish. Is that the vineyard alone or in concert with Tolpuddle winemakers Martin Shaw, Adam Wadewitz and team? Clearly it's both elements, their understanding and interpretation of the site being critical in the final sculpting of one of the great Australian chardonnays.