



# TOLPUDDLE

## VINEYARD

### 2022 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

JAMES HALLIDAY TOP 100  
WINES 2023  
THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN

#### NOVEMBER 2023

You know the calibre of the winemaking behind Tolpuddle, but the complexity of the wine defies dissection, all the components on a unity ticket of one of Tasmania's greatest vineyards and the lightest of touches on the long, lingering palate.

97 POINTS

SHANTEH WALE  
WINE PILOT

#### OCTOBER 2023

Strap in folks because you're about to be schooled on cool climate Chardonnay for the ages. This is one of the most talked about Australian Chardonnay's and whether you like, love or totally FROTH on this wine (hi that's me) it's hard to deny its superb pedigree. In the coolest vintage since inception and the 2022 is strutting its stuff, but unlike the showy overt Chardonnays Australia can sometimes produce, this is an artwork of precision. I mean, what can I say that hasn't already been said? It's just so bloody scintillating. White nectarine, creamy custard apple, lemon juice squirting from its wedge. Shale and shucked oyster shell, soft meringue peaks and raw Marcona almonds. It's laser focus line of acidity is ethereal, and the flavour length is what the great wines of the world are made of. It's a firework of Chardonnay flavour, in fact it's the waterfall at Sydney's New Years Eve midnight show. I'll toast to that. Drink now and if you can get more it will cellar well for up to 10 years.

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HUON HOOKE  
THE REAL REVIEW

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Light bright yellow with a smoky, nutty, barrel fermented bouquet which also packs seaspray/oyster-shell, mixed spices and talcy aromas into the mix. In the mouth it's very intense and focused, tensioned and crisp, without strident acidity but lovely refreshing properties. A superb wine, quietly complex and penetrating, obviously barrel-fermented but not showing too-overt oak. The acidity is bright and refreshing and cleanses the aftertaste. Amazing length. Magical stuff.

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MIKE BENNIE  
THE WINE FRONT

(T)he Tolpuddle house style is still distinct in this wine but the flavour profile seems to have increased, pleasingly so. Elegance has long been the headline of course, and more of that here. This would have to be my favourite release of this distinguished wine.

It's compact and tense, precise and poised. It tastes fancy from hello and asserts a strong riff of chardonnay's best assets of green apple, briny acidity, savoury-nutty undertones with a slick of cedary, spicy, cinnamon-meets-clove oak seasoning well measured into it all. Spicy, indeed, refreshing in that way and coolness with a sense of exceptionally judged, just-ripe fruit rippling with authority through the wine. It's a persistent wine, immensely satisfying with each sip staining the palate gently. Inherently complex, gulpable with drinkability, wonderfully evocative of a cool place. A brilliant, crystalline chardonnay expression on hand.

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DAVE BROOKES  
HALLIDAY WINE  
COMPANION

Another alluring Coal River chardonnay release from the folks at Tolpuddle. It's at once full and concentrated but is reined in by a tight framework of acidity, coiling on rails of minerality before powering across the palate. Tension and detail on point, light textural phenolic elements give it a sleek and silken mouthfeel. The fruit tones of white peach, nectarine and citrus are cloaked in soft spice, white floral tones, struck match, almond paste and crushed stone and the wine displays a stony elegance and seriousness on the long finish. If we were to talk in hushed tones about what would constitute a Tasmanian Grand Cru chardonnay, the Tolpuddle would be the front-runner. Superb.

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Always a very good chardonnay. Often among the New World's best. This said, it is always a pungent, flinty reductive iteration, considerably different to the more generous norm in these parts. Medium-bodied and typically taut, reeling off truffle, leesy oatmeal and white peach notes across a tautly furled, almost gritty climax of praline and hazelnut accents. This will age exceptionally well.

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