

MMAD

VINEYARD

BLEWITT SPRINGS

2022 CHENIN BLANC

MARCH 2024

ABBY MORET
YOUNG GUN OF WINE
'DEEP DIVE: AUSTRALIA'S BEST CHENIN BLANC'

Moret included this in her top-six wines of the day. "Boasting wattleseed, marshmallow, caramel, lemon juice and candlewax. Framed with oak but oak is not the main character. Flavours are crisp and crunchy, citrus, green apple, tangerine, mango and pastry notes. There's an undercurrent of minerality that lends a savoury aspect to the palate, and well balanced phenolics serve as a structure for the flavour profile. A wine with great balance, made with care and purpose. Will age beautifully."

FEBRUARY 2024

MARCUS ELLIS
HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

The second release of this wine sees more depth and texture, reflecting an evolution of making after winemaker Adam Wadewitz got the measure of grape and site – on Maslin sands over ironstone. There's chew and race in equal measure, with tart golden apples, ripe Meyer lemon, cool stone fruit, sea spray and savoury elements of crushed fennel seed, white pepper and a waxy chalkiness. Integrated barrel/mlf notes round out flavour and feel, with an intriguing saline slip to the palate complementing the subtle grip and the pleasing rip of natural acid. It's a superb wine, thrillingly refined and detailed. The upward trajectory of this project is one to watch very closely.

98 POINTS

AWARDED THE BEST ALTERNATE WHITE TROPHY AT THE HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION AWARDS

YOUNG GUN OF WINE

This, the second release under this label from an old vineyard in Blewitt Springs (McLaren Vale), has a bit more plump and savoury detail than its predecessor.

There are cues there that will remind some of chardonnay, with the influence of old oak and barrel ferment, but there's more of a chewy textural play, and, well, it's chenin blanc, not chardonnay.

Ripe golden apples, Meyer lemon, lanolin and raw quince appear, as does an earthy, savouriness and a suggestion of caramelised lemon and fennel seeds. It's chewily textured, mouthcoating and vibrant all at once, with a tail of acidity sheathed in pleasing grippiness.

NOVEMBER 2023

HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION TOP WINERIES
2023 SELECTED BY CAMPBELL MATTINSON

FIVE STAR WINERY
NUMBER 99

OCTOBER 2023

MCLAREN VALE WINE SHOW 2022

BEST TRADITIONAL WHITE WINE
BEST SINGLE VINEYARD WINE ANY STYLE (OTHER THAN SHIRAZ)
BEST SMALL PRODUCER
BEST SINGLE VINEYARD VITICULTURIST FROM MURRAY LEAKE

SHANTEH WALE
WINE PILOT

50% of the pickings were crushed and fermented to concrete and 50% was whole-bunch pressed and fermented in large-format seasoned oak. The Blewitt Springs vineyard was planted in 1939 and one does not often taste 80 year+ plus Chenin Blanc in Australia. As of 2022 the vineyard is solely in the management hands of the MMAD team. Flannel flowers, pomelo pith and pumice stone. White apple flesh, nectarine and lemon sorbet. It's delicately floral with marine accents. Driftwood, salt spray and ozonic aromas. A white almond crunch with a

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briney salinity, the wine coils and stretches along the palate. The interplay of acidity, fine lacey phenolics and great length of flavour is becoming a trademark of style for this wine. Beautifully positioned for drinking with delicate raw seafood.

96 POINTS

NED GOODWIN MW
JAMES SUCKLING

I would imagine that a great deal of cross studies, comparative tastings and with that, cross-pollination has occurred via South Africa. The use of oak, the mineral reductive torque and aromas of cheese cloth, yellow to green plum and gritty sandy finish, reminiscent. Yet this is beautifully saline, mid-weighted and distinctly maritime, as if sucking on desert sand while chewing wild fennel. Very Vale. Increasingly fine. I feel that the textural mandala can be expanded even further. A journey worth following.

93 POINTS

HUON HOOKE
THE REAL REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2023

Bright, light yellow hue with a nutty bouquet that reflects some barrel work, combined with creamy, waxy, pastry-like nuances. The wine is bright and intense in the mouth, restrained and quietly persuasive, with a bone-dry balance and refreshing qualities. There's a lot to like here.

93 POINTS