

Bass River 1835 Brut Vintage 2022 Chardonnay – Pinot Noir – Pinot Meunier



Style: A classic expression of vineyard and vintage. A very well-balanced sparkling style delivers a complex but fresh palate. Crystal clear, medium-light bright gold hue with a super-fine bead. This is composed and complex, the 3+ years on lees producing an array of different notes, some related to fruit others to those extended lees ageing. The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir/Meunier blend shows delicious green apples, lime, grapefruit, light toasty/buttery/croissant bouquet. The wine displays a fine bead that threads the acid line into a seductive mouth filling and long palate. A complex, refined wine that has depth of flavour, weight, texture and above all freshness.

Stylish wine with champagne character.

Food: Severed fresh seafood.

Vintage: The Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes were picked in early March 2022.

Source: Single vineyard - low yielding vines from the River Block. Soils comprise of fine sand loams over cemented coffee rock.

Grapes: 50% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir & 10% Pinot Meunier.

Vinification: All grapes were hand-picked on 8 – 9 March 2022 with sugars at 10.5° - 11.0° Baume. Grapes were passively chilled overnight gently whole bunch pressed, raked off gross lees and fermented in old barriques. The wine then settled on fine lees for 12 months. The base wines were then blended, lightly fined. In January 2023 the wine was tiraged and stayed on bottle lees until December 2025 when it was disgorged and corked.

Ageing: This sparkling wine was developed using *Methode Traditionelle*. Secondary fermentation occurred in bottle and the wine remained on lees for over 40 months. A dosage of 3 gms/l was applied.

Previous Awards – Gippsland Wine Show
Gold Medal & Trophy – Vintage 2016, 2017, 2018, 2025
Silver Medal & Best in Class – Vintage 2015, 2019, 2024

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Bass River Vision: Estate Grown and Produced

Styles: Bass River specialise in grape varieties suited the cooler climate of Gippsland: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris.

Winemaker: Frank Butera