**OVERVIEW**
Penfolds Reserve Bin A Chardonnay has evolved into a wine that is now a distinctive, single-region style in its own right, with a contemporary and distinctive Adelaide Hills Chardonnay persona. All fruit is hand-picked into small bins and then whole-bunch pressed. The juice is incrementally filled to barrel directly from the press and allowed to undergo a natural fermentation, *sans* inoculation. Every new and seasoned French oak barrique is its own unique 225-litre ferment. Enhanced mouthfeel and complexity is achieved by fermenting on solids, 100% malolactic fermentation (all natural).

**GRAPE VARIETY**
Chardonnay

**VINEYARD REGION**
Adelaide Hills

**WINE ANALYSIS**
- Alc/Vol: 12.5%
- Acidity: 6.6 g/L
- pH: 3.16

**MATURATION**
Nine months in French oak barriques (82% new and 18% 1-y.o.)

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS**
Above-average winter rainfalls replenished Adelaide Hills soil profiles for the start of the 2014 growing season. Spring rainfall was below the long-term average and cool weather allowed for an extended flowering period. A significant rainfall event in mid-February had minimal impact, simply slowing harvest and drier/milder conditions. This then ensured balanced flavour development, fruit exhibiting a brightness endowed with crisp acid retention and impressive fruit quality.

**COLOUR**
Very pale straw – white gold

**NOSE**
Powerfully aromatic – grapefruit, quince, fresh linen and evocative scented candle wax aromas confidently ascend.
Ensuing, a savoury edge commensurate from this blend’s time in barrique on lees – non-cured cold meats and almond meal. And to sign-off, an ever-so-slight scent of rock flint.

**PALATE**
Definitive Adelaide Hills fruited traits – stone fruit, white peach and nectarine. A fluffy peach-skin texture leading to a powdery acid finish.
Compliant oak plays a supporting role, in no way either protruding nor detracting.
Acidity is both balanced and focussed – offering great drive across the palate.

**PEAK DRINKING**
Now – 2021

**LAST TASTED**
July 2015

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