Yattarna
Chardonnay
1996

The evolution of Penfolds Yattarna Chardonnay is the result of one of the most comprehensive and highly publicised wine development programmes ever conducted in Australia. Known as the 'White Grange Project', starting in 1992 and spanning six vintages, the winemakers carefully developed more than one hundred trial wines. Further, in keeping with the Penfolds tradition of producing wines to a renowned consistency of style, these were narrowed down to eight finished blends. On 8 November 1997 the winemakers decided that three parcels of Chardonnay wine making up Bin No. 144 were to become Yattarna. The name Yattarna is an Aboriginal word meaning 'little by little, gradually'. Yattarna reflects Penfolds' patience and commitment to creating this, our finest white wine, in the tradition of Grange.

Winemaker comments by Phillip John

Pale to medium straw.

Intense, integrated aromas of ripe nectarine and citrus married with cashew nut and peach. Light toast notes are derived from barrel fermentation. This full-bodied wine reveals layers of powerful fruit characters integrated with oak and yeast lees influence. Flavours flow seamlessly between rich peach, fig, guava, and citrus fruits with notes of toasty oak in the background. The combination of