Yattarna
Chardonnay
1998

The evolution of Penfolds Yattarna Chardonnay is the result of Australia’s most comprehensive white wine development program. Inspired by the aspirations of the late free-thinking Max Schubert, Penfolds embarked on a project to create a flagship white wine. Starting in 1992 and spanning six vintages, John Duval and his winemaking team carefully developed more than one hundred trial wines. These were narrowed down to eight finished blends. The wines were painstakingly refined and assessed in order to reach a style and standard Penfolds felt would represent their best possible endeavor in winemaking. The appropriately named result of that project is Yattarna, which is Aboriginal for ‘little by little’ or ‘gradually’.

Winemaker comments by Phillip John

COLOUR
Pale straw with brilliant green hues.

NOSE
Lovely green apple and lemon-lime citrus characters with slight grapefruit overtones. Well integrated malt and cashew nut aromas derived from the French oak exist in the background.

PALATE
Austere yet flavorsome describes the tightness on the palate. Elegant fruit flavors of lemon rind and nectarine exist with subtle hints of delicate oak which add to the remarkable complexity.

Maturation on the yeast lees produced a malty, biscuit-like fl