VINEYARD REGIONS
Tasmania, Adelaide Hills.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
Following two very dry vintages, good winter and spring rains saturated the soil profile and set the vines up for a season of strong, healthy growth and moderate yields. Regular rainfall continued throughout the season, creating benign conditions for vine growth and ideal conditions for ripening. At the same time, consistently warm days and mild nights ensured 2010 was one of the warmest vintages on record, albeit one free of adverse extreme heat events. Harvest started early and proceeded rapidly and very smoothly.

GRAPE VARIETY
Chardonnay.

MATURATION
Matured for eight months in new French oak (57%) and seasoned French oak barriques (43%).

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 13%, Acidity: 5.9g/L, pH: 3.15.

LAST TASTED
February 2013.

PEAK DRINKING

FOOD MATCH
Mulloway, sunrise lime, lemon aspen, lemon myrtle blossom and purslane.

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“The 2010 Yattarna has stridently returned to Tasmania. Nothing stands still... what will next year’s evolution deliver?”

Kym Schroeter, Penfolds Senior White Winemaker:
“Benchmark Yattarna—wonderful flavour and length. A suitably modern Australian Chardonnay. ”

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COLOUR
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NOSE
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