



'Lehmo' was mad for this gear!

2013 THE PLAYGROUND 'LEHMO' EDEN VALLEY CHARDONNAY

The Teusner Playground series is where we get to have some fun with small, select batches of fruit.....the label depicts some monkeys playing with grapes.....which pretty much sums up the crew here at Teusner. By their nature they will be small runs of usually less than 2 barrels, or about 60 dozen, but will always have the quality that befits the Teusner brand.

Young Phil Lehmann joined us for a few vintages, and his love of (obsession with) Chardonnay somehow led us to discovering a few barrels of the stuff wedged down the back of our barrel store. Having hidden it from the bosses at Teusner, it was quickly tagged by the boys in the cellar as 'The Max Schubert Project' and found it's way into less than 100 dozen bottles of Playground Chardonnay. Phil's moved on from Teusner, but his infectious passion for Chardonnay is still with us and no doubt from time to time we'll be finding stashes of 'Chardy' in amongst everything else we do!

Eden-Valley is renowned for its classy and steely rieslings, but the odd cheeky little chardy shines from the spartan and rocky landscape also, particularly in the cooler spots and where the going is tough. The 2013 Teusner Playground Chardonnay is from the Wilton area, a cool little nook on the back-side of the Barossa ranges. The vineyard site is quite a hard piece of land; thin sand-stone strewn soils and a moderately steep easterly aspect. The fruit was whole-bunch pressed straight to large oak, and allowed to ferment 'wild' on full solids. Once dry, the barrels were topped and kept in cool-store for 12 months with regular toppings and lees stirring. She's bright, pale lemon-straw in colour with a few green hints. A complex nose of white peach, lemon pith and candied citrus peel, gingerbread, nougat and underlying hints of crème brulee, the palate exuberant with lifted honeysuckle, nutty shortbread and lemon sorbet, marrying a classic lithe Eden Valley 'mineral' structure with a creamy seamless texture.

Thanks Phil...long will we remember your infectious delirium for Chardonnay!



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