



# PATINA

## 2004 Reserve Chardonnay

*Patina is a family-owned estate nestled in the rich volcanic slopes of Mt Canobolas near Orange, New South Wales. Owner and winemaker, Gerald Naef, blends science and technology with age-old tradition to create complex flavours forged by the elements of nature. His Patina Wine represents the complexity and elegance of cool climate wine defined by nature and his personal signature.*



**Variety:** Chardonnay

**Region:** Orange, NSW Central Highlands

**Winemaker's Notes:** This wine is a bit of a treat... It started life quite angular and sharp so I decided to put it away for a few years to see how it rounded out with time. After fifteen years I am now very happy to share it with you. This is only the second chardonnay vintage from the Patina vineyard... I don't even think the winemaker had any grey hair back then. :-/ Alc/Vol 12.3%

**Winemaker:** Gerald Naef

**Colour:** Pale straw yellow.

**Aroma:** This one has it all... apple, peach, rockmelon, nuttiness, apricot, tropical fruit and it all appears more obvious in this aged Chardonnay.

**Palate:** The up front palate is mouth filling with just a hint of butterscotch progressing to a mouth filling mid palate and a long finish with a suggestion of apple.

**Winemaking:** Barrel fermented and matured on lees for twelve months in a combination of new and one year old French oak.

**Cellaring:** I love Chardonnay and this wine is drinking very well now but definitely has some life left. How long? I'm not sure. It is very well balanced with good acidity so it could improve for many years.