



## PATINA

### 2019 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:** Orange consistently produces world class chardonnay; the Orange terroir seems to draw out the best of the variety. It is a very versatile variety that expresses beautifully as a lightly wooded style or as a barrel fermented and lees aged wine which shows rich flavours and velvety mouth feel.

**Winemaker:** Gerald Naef

**Colour:** Pale straw.

**Aroma:** Rich varietal chardonnay aromas of peaches and cream, rock melon, cashews and creamy barrel aged lees characters.

**Palate:** Developed but fresh, smooth and well balanced with nothing obviously dominating the palate. This wine is fine in texture with apricot, stone fruit and apple balanced by a little creamy lees and a hint of butterscotch. A multilayered cool climate style that is generous yet elegant with excellent structure and length.

**Winemaking:** This wine was fermented and aged on lees for 12 months in French oak barrels.

**Cellaring:** The good natural acid levels allow the oak and fruit to integrate resulting in a scrumptious wine to be savoured. It is drinking well now but it will reward you well if you have patience, as it will become rounder and very scrumptious with time, up to and well beyond 2030.