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## PATINA

### 2021 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

**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 an un-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 Yellow

**Aroma:** The nose prepares you for a wine of complexity and finesse. Displaying nectarine with suggestions of pineapple and citrus with hints of nutty lees and nuances of French Oak.

**Palate:** The complex palate is rich and refreshing expressing enticing fruit integrated with delicate, nutty lees and judicious oak. It is very complex with the back palate lasting forever.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were whole bunch pressed then fermented and aged for twelve months on lees in a combination of new and seasoned French and Hungarian Oak barrels. The Reserve Chardonnay represents the best of the vintage with only the best barrels making the grade. Alc/Vol 13.1%

**Cellaring:** Orange Chardonnay generally complexes and improves quite dramatically during the first few years of bottle ageing. 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, and I expect it to become rounder and very scrumptious up to and possibly beyond 2031.

