



Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Ed Carr
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	4.7g/L
Acidity	7.1g/L
Wine pH	3.13
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Ed Carr has been the head winemaker at Arras since 1998. He was one of the first winemakers to see the potential Tasmanian fruit had for producing world class sparkling wine. James Halliday calls him "a quietly spoken genius, whose name should be known around the world. He is, by some considerable distance, Australia's greatest sparkling winemaker" In 2024 he won the IWC Sparkling Winemaker of the Year, the first Australian to do so. Tasmania's cool climate yields vibrant, acid-driven fruit that is perfectly suited for secondary fermentation and, crucially, extensive lees-ageing. Ed is a proponent of lengthy tirage, much to the horror of his accountants. He insists on lees-ageing his vintage wines for at least six years before disgorgement. As a result, the Arras sparkling wines display great depth and complexity.

VINEYARDS

The Chardonnay fruit is sourced from premium vineyard sites across Tasmania, with 60% of the blend coming from Pipers River and a further 26% from Derwent Valley. All sites have VSP trellising and supplementary irrigation is used as necessary to keep the canopy active over the generally dry summer and autumn. Harvesting is carried out by both machine and hand.

VINIFICATION

Approximately 9% of the wine was fermented in French oak barriques which were at least 4 years old. 100% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was blended to style and consistency and bottle fermented (transfer method) with 30 months on lees.

TASTING NOTES

Light yellow gold with a fresh green hue. Lifted aromas of honeysuckle, white peach and lemon oil, complemented by secondary maturation characters of fresh pastries and oyster shell. This is an elegant wine expressing flavours of grapefruit pith, lemon curd and fresh sourdough. The silky palate is fully integrated around a precise core giving beautiful poise and persistence.