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# CURLEWIS

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Bellarine Peninsula

## Bel Sel Chardonnay 2017



**Growing Region:** Geelong

**Grape variety:** Chardonnay

**Alcohol:** 13%

### Winemaking

**Winemakers:** Rainer Breit & Stefano Marasco

### Tasting notes

**Colour:** Brilliant pale straw

**Bouquet:** Lifted citrus and stone fruit aromas are complemented by the subtle oak and a cashew like barrel ferment character.

**Palate:** Bright fruit flavours true to the aroma, balanced by a lovely natural acid line. A pleasing amount of texture keeps the wine fresh and vibrant throughout with a long and fine finish.

**Oak:** 10 months on fine-grained, medium-roast French new (25%) and used oak.

**Cellaring:** Drink now to 2023

### Curlewis Winery

Located on the Bellarine Peninsula, Curlewis enjoys a cool maritime climate. The main vineyard of MV6 Pinot Noir was planted in 1985 in 1m of black cracking clay laying over 30m of limestone-marl which gives richness, depth of colour and minerality. A further 3 acres of Pommard was planted in 2005 and first introduced in the 2012 vintage to provide further complexity and tannin structure to our Pinots. The vines rarely produce more than 1.5 tons per acre. The result is premium fruit which produces complex, well balanced, and sophisticated wines. The wines are hand-made and low intervention utilising French styles from Burgundy and Rhone, but benefitting from a more consistent climate and some new techniques to create greater concentration and flavour ripeness yet still with the length of palate that goes with ultra-premium wines the world over.

