

# REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

## 2025 Reserve

### Chardonnay

ASHTON HILLS VINEYARD



#### Winepilot, Tony Love - Jun 2026

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##### 96 POINTS

“Read this in tandem with the tasting notes for Ashton Hills’ Piccadilly Vineyard Chardonnay, which sets the scene for this remarkable wine. It’s a best barrel selection from a chosen two of the three source vineyards in the high altitude district of the Adelaide Hills, and simply put, it’s more of everything: deeper fruit, spicier oak, though still deftly balanced, and more intense yellow grapefruit acidity in support to all the flavour that can be mustered out of elite Chardonnay. This is high quality through and through, with a pinpoint understanding of the variety in its modern era.”

#### The Real Review, Aaron Brasher - May 2026

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##### 96 POINTS

“There’s some lovely aromatics going on here: just-ripe white stone fruit, white lily, grilled nuts, melon rind and a whiff of nougat. Textured and mouth-filling, with a drive of pithy, tangy grapefruit, nectarine and nutty oak. There’s plenty of snappy acidity and the length is impressive. Very smart gear.”

#### Halliday Wine Companion, Mike Bennie - May 2026

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##### 95 POINTS

“The subtle nature of the wine is a charm, soft texture, licked at by honey butter and nougat sweet-savouriness, an undertow of red apple, nectarine, slate-like minerality and a cooling thread of brine/saline inflection. It’s got reserve and restraint written into its lore, a distinct finesse, a pleasing persistence. There’s something relaxed and broadly inviting to the wine, too. Proper stuff.”

#### Winepilot, Ray Jordan - Apr 2026

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##### 96 POINTS

“This wine is brought together under a barrel selection program from the best of each vintage, and it comes from the Bauhaus Vineyard and Woods Hill vineyards. Typically well fermented and matured in a combination of new and seasoned Burgundian oak for about nine months. On the nose, there is clearly a more pronounced intensity, even a slight toastiness, with the influence of that wild ferment quite evident, but it’s done quite subtly and presents with a delicate degree of finesse. Just a faint hint of struck match and citrus provides a nice balance to the fruit. The palate is delicate, yet intensely flavoured and delivered with a linear extension. A little touch of quince paste just adds a finishing flourish to a very stylish wine.”

#### Winepilot, Tom Kline - Apr 2026

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##### 95 POINTS

“White grapefruit and cinnamon spice lead, with fine cedar quick to follow. Like the estate Chardonnay, this is tightly wound and crystalline on first look, with a great deal clearly held in reserve. A good swirl reveals cashew cream, white florals, white nectarine and saline oyster shell minerality, along with a gentle underlay of flinty reduction adding further complexity. Exciting in its prettiness, purity and power. There’s a great balance of energetic tension and creamy texture on the palate, the wine’s power funnelled through architectural structure — tight phenolics and rolling waves of saline acidity pulling it all to vivid length. Balance, power, purity, complexity, age-worthiness. Ashton Hills are in the zone right now.”

#### The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson - Mar 2026

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##### 94+ POINTS

“This chardonnay saves its best to last. It starts off restrained and finishes with a powerful, compelling burst. It tastes of tonic water and lemonade, preserved citrus fruits and pears, with grapefruit, cedar, peach and flint as helping hands. It’s as delicious as it is sophisticated; it reveals something extra each time you return. Over coming years it will only get better.”

