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PRODUCER

Porongurup might be off-the-beaten-track, but it's one of Western Australia's hidden gems. It's here, just east of Mount Barker, that Guy Lyons makes stellar cool-climate wines. Fruit is sourced from his family's Springview vineyard, where vines were planted on ancient lateritic gravels in 1985. The vineyard faces the ocean and the grapes enjoy a long ripening season in what is otherwise a Mediterranean climate. Riesling is the hit here, so it's no surprise that Guy makes an exquisite version, along with an exhilarating oak-aged Chardonnay; both wines adorned with gorgeous Bella Kelly art.

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VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

Guy has always loved the Porongurup's and he has always kept an eye on the vineyards there. His Springview Vineyard is the only vineyard that faces south, so it is a very unique, cool site; yet has a western aspect to it, which helps for afternoon sun during ripening. A cooling afternoon breeze from ocean also helps prevent against disease during growing season. Vines are dry grown and were planted back in 1985. Work is ongoing with a re-trellising system as well as improving soil health. This fruit was hand-picked, and whole bunch pressed straight to oak barrels with full solids. Wild fermentation occurred in a combination of an oak puncheon (500L) with the balance to 225L and 300L barrels. Approximately 20% new oak used. Some natural malolactic occurred, with a little bit of batonage during ageing, but this Chardonnay was really left alone for the most part. Oak ageing for 12 months before bottling in December.

TASTING NOTE

Tender white-fleshed fruits cut with a dash of lime define the nose, but it's the palate that really sets the pulse racing. This is serious modern Australian Chardonnay, finely tailored, understated in terms of oak, impressively energetic in terms of fruit and utterly delicious.

FACTS + STATS

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| WINEMAKER | GUY LYONS |
| VARIETIES | CHARDONNAY |
| APPELLATION | WESTERN AUSTRALIA |
| FORMAT | 0.750L |
| CLOSURE | SCREW TOP |
| ALCOHOL | 12.5% |
| SUGAR | 0 G/L |
| TOTAL ACIDITY | 7.8 G/L |
| BIODYNAMIC | NO |
| VEGAN | YES |
| VEGETARIAN | YES |
| TOTAL SULPHUR | 130 MG/L |

