

The performance of one variety in particular in the tasting room over the past few months made it incredibly hard to pass up when selecting a winner for this category. Long gone are the days of 'one dimension' Chardonnay, rather we're enjoying complex wines, where winemakers have demonstrated restraint. Clever site selection and handy work in the winery give us complexity and character at all price levels. Of course, humble recognition in the category must also go towards Riesling, which never ceases to dazzle us with their supremely lively and mouth-watering fruit flavours.

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**\$22<sup>99</sup>**  
each across any six  
Single bottle **\$25.54**

## Toolangi Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2011

The dream that Garry and Julie Hounsell had when they purchased their property at Dixons Creek way back in 1995, to put the very best Yarra Valley fruit in the hands of some of our most accomplished winemakers, has without a doubt been realised over the past decade. Just a little over 12 hectares in this prime section of the valley are devoted to cool climate varieties such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz.

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The making of this brilliant 2011 Chardonnay was shared between Yering Station and Oakridge Estate and the benefactor of a few years bottle age, shows why this is just what we're talking about! Still a beautifully pale lemon green in the glass the first whiff just simply says "I'm Chardonnay". Citrus, gentle stone fruit, some creamy oak and 'struck match'. The mid-weight palate builds before a rush of deliciously zesty acidity and great length.

