



**SALTRAM**

## **Saltram 1859 Chardonnay**

**2012**



In 1859, William Salter and his son, Edward, founded the firm W. Salter & Son and the 1859 wines celebrate the pioneering work of our founders, whilst paying respect to the traditions of Saltram. Created in a contemporary style this Chardonnay has notes of stone and citrus fruit. The palate is soft and full with a complex creamy texture and subtle oak characters.

We invite you to explore the Saltram winemaking tradition crafted over 150 years and exemplified today across all our wines.

### **Winemaker Comments**

Shavaughn Wells

#### **Vineyard Region**

Eden Valley

#### **Vintage Conditions**

Great winter rain fall allowed for a fantastic start to the 2012 vintage. With soil profiles full of moisture and even cool to warm days with cool night allowed for a very long and even ripening period. A small heat spike early in the new year hurried ripening on a little but the cool nights and good moisture levels held the vines canopies intact and protected the fruit from any damage.

#### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** Feb - March 2012

**pH** 3.2

**Acidity** 5.7g/L

**Alcohol** 13.0%

**Residual Sugar** 1.4g/L

**Bottling Date** Feb 2013

**Peak Drinking** Now and over the next few years.

#### **Grape Variety**

Chardonnay

#### **Maturation**

Matured in seasoned and new French, with 30% being in seasoned French oak vats.

#### **Colour**

The wine has a pale straw hue with a green edge.

#### **Nose**

The 2012 Saltram 1859 Chardonnay shows white stone fruits and apple blossom, with hints of subtle oak characters.

#### **Palate**

The palate is soft and round showing some nashi pear fruit characters while having a refreshing crisp finish.