

# Rebecca Gibb MW, Apr 2022

## 2022 Chardonnay Block 6

94 Points

Drinking Window: 2024-2032

The 2022 Chardonnay Block 6 is a fully concentrated and robust style. It is quite ripe, with 14% alcohol contributing to the body and glycerol-like smoothness, but this also lends a touch of heat that slightly detracts from its overall harmony. However, this wine comes into its own with a firm structure and unapologetic intensity, setting it apart from Block 2, which is more gentle and open. Lees-derived almond pastry notes meet apple and pear fruit flavors, which linger on the long finish.

## 2022 Chardonnay Block 2

92 Points

Drinking Window: 2024-2030

The 2022 Chardonnay Block 2 is an athletic wine that knows where the finish line is. Clear and precise with a mouthwatering, sappy finish, it offers restrained fruit flavors of apple, pear and citrus alongside almond croissant notes. While serious, it has a pleasing roundness on the mid-palate that makes it approachable with food from 2024 onwards.

#### 2022 Chardonnay Bannockburn

92 Points

**Drinking Window: 2024-2029** 

The 2022 Chardonnay Bannockburn sits in a lovely ripeness bracket, offering up finesse and focus with just enough creamy richness built through the mid-palate. It is restrained and savory with subtle nutty nuances and white-fleshed stoned fruit. Elegant, concentrated – I'm very impressed. A little more length would elevate it further, but this is a great value for the money. It's a silky Chardonnay that Burgundy lovers would be delighted to have in their glass.

## 2023 Riesling Bannockburn

92 Points

**Drinking Window: 2024-2029** 

The young 2023 Riesling Bannockburn is initially reductive, which rather distracts from the pure fruit. Get past that to find a Spätlese-like style with sweet apple and floral flavors. While light in body, its residual sugar provides additional volume in the mouth and creates a smooth texture, but it does not become cloying thanks to the cleansing acidity. This is an appetizing style. The flavors remain long after tasting, but Mosel lovers might miss that mineral streak on the finish.

## **2023 Dry Riesling**

91 Points

Drinking Window: 2024-2030

The 2023 Dry Riesling is a lively, bright number with fragrant fruit and floral flavors. While dry and light in body, it packs substance and richness within its concentrated core, making it firm and focused in its approach. There's certainly no shortage of assertive, citrus-like acidity on the finish as well as phenolics, lending a fine, powdery texture alongside the lemon and honey tea-like aromas.