

# STONEHORSE

BY KAESLER

## Chardonnay - 2024

The Stonehorse is a symbol of power, strength, elegance, and grace, just like our estate wines in this range. Stonehorse by Kaesler is a true reflection of regional diversity and blending creativity. The Stonehorse Chardonnay is sourced from our estate owned and managed Clare Valley vineyard, which is in the world-renowned subregion of Watervale.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The season started with a dry winter and early spring, prompting an early budburst and flowering. This was followed by rain until Christmas, which replenished soil moisture before a dry summer and autumn. The conditions were ideal for ripening with minimal disease pressure. Riesling matured early, showing classic restraint and precision, while red varieties benefited from extended hang time.

### REGENERATIVE FARMING

At Kaesler we strive to not only maintain but rebuild the soils, because at the end of the day we want to leave these precious old vines in better condition than we found them. It's a process called 'regenerative farming' as it's more than sustainability, it is a practice that constantly evolves so we are not just sustaining the environment we are improving it.

### WINEMAKING

Late night harvest by machine, back to the winery, lightly pressed. Cold settled for the next week, reaked of but taking 5% fluffly lees to help with complexity. 10 days of fermentation. Bottled late July '24 after 8 weeks on lees to help build texture.

### APPEARANCE

Pale straw.

### PALATE

Elegant palate weight, melon and slight peach and cashew fruit undertones.

### BOUQUET

Citrus notes with hints of white stone-fruit.

### FOOD PAIRING

Chardonnay is versatile and pairs very well with many dishes. It loves anything butter or cream based. Great with soft cheeses and foods that have a toasty flavour from grilling or smoking.



**Varieties** Chardonnay

**Vine Age** Planted in 1999

**Region** Clare Valley

**Soil Type** Loam over clay

**Harvest** Hand picked

**Oak Origin** French

**Maturation** 4 months

**Winemaker** Tim Dolan & Stephen Dew

**Closure** Screw

**pH/TA** 3.29/6.33g/L

**Vegan** Yes

**Alcohol** 13.5%

**Peak Drinking** Now - 2028