

The Bandit

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
CHARDONNAY VIOGNIER 2008



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Infamous Western Australian bushranger Moondyne Joe was apprehended at the Houghton winery's cellars in 1869.

Cutting a bizarre figure in his carefully-planned outfit of a wheat sack, with barrels tied front and back to collect wine, sheepskin-covered boots to hide his tracks and a set of skeleton keys in a bag around his neck.

The serial jail breaker had been on the run for almost two years. Moondyne's thirst was to be his final undoing.

TASTING NOTES

Bright and vibrant with a pale straw and green tinge. Aromas of peach, almond meal, citrus pith, pear and musk.

The palate is soft rich and approachable, displaying apricot nectar, peach, stewed pear, lemon zest and melon characters. The wine has a viscous oily texture and an opulent long creamy finish.

Enjoy while fresh and youthful.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Chardonnay and Viognier parcels were harvested at optimum ripeness in the cool of night to retain the vibrant fruit flavours and freshness. Upon delivery to the winery the grapes were gently pressed to preserve the bold fruit flavours.

Following cold settling the juices were racked to ferment with a small percentage transferred to French oak barrels for fermentation. The resultant wine parcels were then blended and received minimal fining prior to an August bottling.

FOOD SUGGESTION

Enjoy with Cajun chicken, lime and chilli chicken.

VINTAGE 2007

GROWING AREAS

Western Australia

GRAPE VARIETY

80% Chardonnay
20% Viognier

WINEMAKER

Rob Bowen

ALCOHOL 13.0%

pH 3.2

ACIDITY 6.5 g/litre

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