

Walgalu Chardonnay 2023

Bira Munda | Limited Release

Bira is the Wirangu word for Moon. Our Bira Munda Limited Release wines are produced as once-only vintage releases from select wine regions across Australia, offering the opportunity to explore a unique moment in place and time.

Munda (land, terroir)

Tumarumba, NSW

Perched high in the Snowy Mountains, the vineyards of Walgalu Country sit between 500–820m above sea level—true Alpine terrain shaped by geological extremes. The soils here are a complex mosaic: decomposed granite, red basalt, and pockets of shaley loam, each contributing to the layered nuance of the wines. Cool-climate and high-altitude, this is one of Australia’s coldest wine-growing regions, where long, slow ripening preserves acidity and allows fine flavour development. Sloped vineyard aspects allow air drainage and reduce frost pressure, but the risk remains—rewarding precision and patience.

This is Walgalu munda—elevated, elemental, and expressive.

Vintage

The 2023 season was marked by a cool, mild lead-up and ideal conditions at harvest. Meticulous vineyard management, coupled with long hang time, led to Chardonnay of exceptional quality. Fruit showed vibrant flavour, lively acidity, and a distinct mineral line—a vintage widely regarded as one of Tumarumba’s best.

Tasting Notes

Lifted aromatics of citrus blossom, white stone fruit and beeswax, with hints of almond meal, muesli and exotic spice. The palate is layered and textural, with creamy mid-palate weight, bright acidity, and complex notes of toasted oak, nougat and flint. A long, precise finish completes this finely crafted Chardonnay.

Harvest

Handpicked from high-altitude vineyards in March, under cool conditions.

	100% barrel fermentation in seasoned French oak barriques with full malolactic conversion.
FERMENTATION	
	Aged in seasoned French oak for 8 months.
TREATMENT	
	Will reward 7-10 years under careful cellaring
CELLARING	
SERVING	10-12°C (slightly chilled)
ALCOHOL	12%
CLOSURE	Stelven (screwcap)



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Munda Wines isn’t about playing safe. It’s about playing true. We craft expressive, benchmark wines that capture the singular munda of each region. More than just terroir, munda speaks to the deeply rooted character of place — its soil, its contours, its ancient geology. The wind that threads through a particular gully. The warmth held in granite at dusk. The invisible imprint of time.

By acknowledging and elevating Traditional Countries through wine, we hope to offer something both accessible and meaningful: a conversation that begins in the glass, but reaches far beyond it.