

# TOLPUDDLE

**VINEYARD** 

# 2023 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

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Pale colour. Intense and fresh ripe nectarine, white peach aromas with honey/marzipan notes. Richly flavoured and generous wine with ample stonefruit, grilled nut notes, fine chalky textures, lovely creamy mid-palate and fresh long mineral acidity. A hint of butterscotch at the finish. Delicious and expressive chardonnay with a retro-modern taste that will not disappoint.

**96 POINTS** 

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

SHANTEH WALE WINE PILOT

The 2022 vintage will be very hard act follow, I tell myself, as I brace for disappointment. And then it hits like a vampire smelling its prey, pupils dilate and I am utterly captivated. Perfectly ripe lemons, peach sorbet and fresh linen billowing on the hills hoist. Whipped meringue cream, honeysuckle and bee pollen. Oak? What oak, yes it is there, with arches of cinnamon, fresh sawdust and hazelnut praline. But the fruit, oh the fruit reins supreme! It tickles the corners of your palate just where it should. Provides ample natural acidity and clean young almond milk creaminess on the finish. There is shale and river stone and the under current of not quite fathomable things, all at work to make you beg for another glass. With two wines that are so totally convincing, the magic of the Tolpuddle vineyard is real. Drink with prawn Har Gow dumplings and die happy.

# 98 POINTS

HUON HOOKE THE REAL REVIEW Bright medium-light yellow colour; smoky charcuterie, struck flint and toasted hazelnuts to sniff. The wine is intense, focused and very long on the palate. Piercing lemon/citrus flavours, fresh and balanced acidity driving it long and promising a big future if cellared, although it's a great drink right now. An outstanding chardonnay

## 97 POINTS

CAMPBELL MATTINSON THE WINE FRONT Killer release of Tolpuddle Chardonnay.

This gets down to business in no uncertain terms. It shows citrus and pineapple characters as flashes but its heart is all stonefruit, yellow apple, flint and smoked cedarwood. The effect is powerful, the persona is elegant. This is a wine of long lines and texture like satin. There's a brine-and-tonic-like twist to the aftertaste but then every time I lifted the glass I saw or appreciated something new; it has more twists than Oliver. Basically, it's a gorgeous release.

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WINSOR DOBBIN GOURMET ON THE ROAD

The 2023 Chardonnay has marvellous tension and bright acidity, along with impressive cool-climate balance. (I)ntense, complex fruit flavours, vibrancy and minerality.