

## The Postmistress Blanc de Blanc

Vintage 2009

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A woman of unimpeachable rectitude, the Postmistress is trusted to preserve the town's mail affairs. Her nimble fingers sort carefully wrapped parcels, letters from distant places and a single postcard, written in a familiar hand. Whilst eager young men queue daily for her attention, for the Postmistress there is only one man who always delivers.

*This first vintage of the Postmistress is a clean and fresh style of sparkling with a fine persistent bead and a light straw colour. It has lifted aromas of citrus and floral characters with a hint of honey and background brioche yeastiness which gives complexity.*

*The palate starts with delicate pear and citrus notes, it has a hint of sweetness on the mid palate and subtle shortbread notes give some richness, and it finishes with crisp acidity and smooth lingering flavours.*

### Composition

100% Chardonnay

### Yield

2.9 tonnes per acre

### Alcohol/Volume

11.5%

### Production

970 Dozen

### Vinification

Produced in a clean and fresh style, the fruit was harvested in the cool of the night. Retaining only the free run juice for the Postmistress; the wine underwent a cool and slow ferment in stainless steel. The wine remained in contact with the yeast lees for a period of 5 months with stirring but no malo-lactic fermentation, before undergoing the secondary ferment.

### Terroir

The fruit for The Postmistress is sourced from a single family vineyard in the cool climate region of Padthaway. These vines are grown in loamy clay over limestone.