



Seifried
FAMILY WINEMAKERS

NELSON CHARDONNAY 2021

Awards

GOLD - The New Zealand International Wine Show 2023

91 Points (4.5 Stars) - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, May 2023

89 Points - Bob Campbell MW, © The Real Review, www.therealreview.com, Oct 2022

Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Rabbit Island and Brightwater Vineyards

Sugar at Harvest: 23.5°Brix

Date of Harvest: Mid March 2021

pH of Wine: 3.31

T.A of Wine: 5.9g/L

Residual Sugar of Wine: 1.9g/L (dry)

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

“The silky-smooth palate offers bright fruit flavours and elegant oak infusion with well-pitched acidity, finishing long and delectable...”

- Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, May 2023

The Vineyard

Our Rabbit Island Vineyard is situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly sandy loam, which is very sandy and free draining. These vineyards are about 1.5 kilometres from the sea, which helps moderate temperatures.

Our Brightwater Vineyard is exceptionally stony with free draining soils, which is very hard on the farm equipment. The large stones however are vital for holding the warmth of the Nelson sun and for ripening the grapes. Lively fruit characters are evident in fruit harvested from this block.

Winemakers Note

The ‘hen and chicken’ berries of the Mendoza clone of Chardonnay used in this blend give full tropical flavours. The fruit was harvested, brought to the winery and pressed immediately then cooled for a 24 hour settling period.

Following this, the juice was racked and warmed for inoculation. Primary alcoholic fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks with the young wine then being gravity fed into one, two and three year old French barriques. The Chardonnay then underwent malolactic fermentation in spring 2021 in barrel. Barrels were hand stirred regularly to build palate weight and structure. The wine then sat on lees for a total of 15 months before being racked from barrique, blended and prepared for bottling.

Tasting Note

The 2021 Seifried Nelson Chardonnay is a very concentrated wine from the exceptionally light vintage 2021. Spring frost, poor December flowering and Boxing Day hail meant we had a tiny crop with outstanding fruit concentration. Citrus, summer stonefruit together with cinnamon stick spice and nutmeg come together building a tasty palate with gentle spice running the length.

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