

# Tiratore Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2021



## la collina vineyard

tiratore *Italian* (ti-ra-tó-re) hunter/marksman

When planting these vines, old, spent bullets were found in almost every hole dug on the slope of *la collina*; we imagine this area was used for many years as a firing range for target practice.

Single vineyard Chardonnay from vines originally planted in 2001 on the lower slopes, terraces and flat, old riverbed of *la collina* vineyard. It has always been our plan to produce a flagship Chardonnay from the *la collina* vineyard, reflecting the variety and the vineyard site rather than the winemaking.

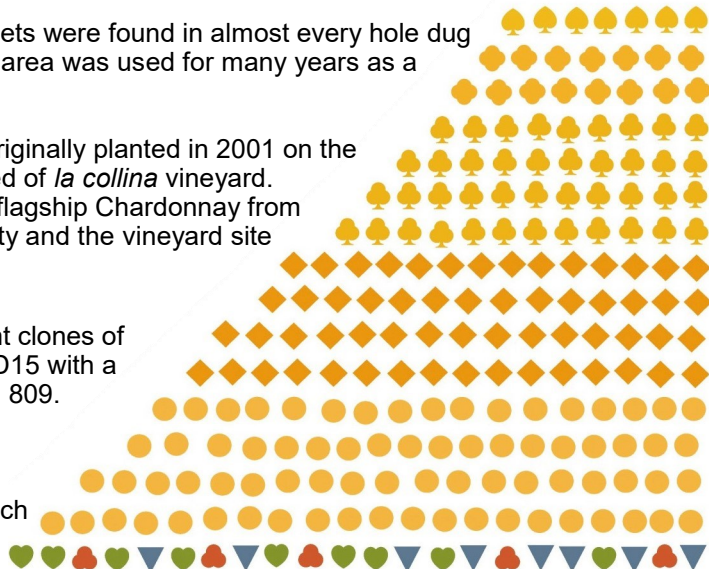
The site is planted to a number of different clones of Chardonnay, predominantly B95 and UCD15 with a smaller contribution in 2021 from 548 and 809. The clones and the rows are represented by the stylised artwork of the label.

The fruit is 100% hand-picked, whole bunch pressed to French oak barriques for fermentation by indigenous yeast.

The wine spent 11 months in oak prior to bottling; there was no fining or cold stabilisation. There were no additives other than sulphur.

2021 was a yet another exceptional vintage for Hawke's Bay and this Chardonnay shows the greatness of the vintage. Ripe, full fruit with complexity perfectly balances with the oak. Great structure with a taut and textural palate. Citrus and stone-fruit with a hint of salinity. It is an ideal food wine.

This wine is ready to drink on release and will continue to develop positively for 6 – 8 years.



Tiratore  
Hawke's Bay  
Chardonnay



Vineyard Key

- B95
- ◆ UCD15
- 548
- 809
- Mendoza

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