

# MONTE CHRISTO

## WINERY

Established in 1864 by Jean Désiré Féraud, Monte Cristo is the birthplace of Central Otago wine. Our wines are made with 100% estate-grown fruit sourced from our vineyards across three distinct sub-regions, the Alexandra Basin, Bannockburn and Pisa. Utilising sustainable farming practices and minimal intervention methods in the winery, the outcome is elegant, refined, and impeccably balanced wines epitomising the terroir of Central Otago.



### 2023 Central Otago Chardonnay

#### Tasting note

An elegant yet complex Chardonnay with fresh lemon, green pear, white peach, hawthorn flowers, river rock and subtle baking spices.

#### Vintage note

2023 was a warm, even growing season with average rainfall and low incidence of frosts. Wines show optimal ripeness, medium body and bright acidity.

#### VINEYARDS

**Vineyard: Davishon (69%)**

**Subregion:** Alexandra Basin

**Elevation:** 160m

**Clone(s):** 6, Mystery clone

**Soil:** Blackmans alluvial sand, silt and gravels derived from schist and sandstone

**Growing Degree Days:** 1083

**Harvest:** By hand on the 4/4/2023

**Yield:** 8.7 t/ha

**Vineyard: Féraud's (31%)**

**Subregion:** Alexandra Basin

**Elevation:** 165m

**Clone(s):** 548

**Soil:** Blackmans alluvial sand and silt derived from schist

**Growing Degree Days:** 1002

**Harvest:** By hand on the 4/4/2023

**Yield:** 5 t/ha

#### WINEMAKING

**Brix:** 21.6

**Fermentation:** Wild yeasts in 72% neutral oak and 28% stainless steel, 100% malolactic

**Aging:** 11 months in 72% neutral French oak, 28% stainless steel

**Cases Produced:** 233

#### FINISHED WINE ANALYSIS

**Alcohol:** 13.0%

**pH:** 3.47

**TA:** 5.2 g/l