



te Pā Marlborough Chardonnay 2022

Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety

100% Clone 15 Chardonnay

Vineyard

100% Cowley Family Vineyard

Wine Analysis

Alc – 13%

pH – 3.25

T.A - 6.5g/L

R.S < 1g/L

Vineyard

The Cowley Family Vineyard Chardonnay is planted in the clay-based soils of the Southern Valleys, with a North facing aspect. Lush spicy fruit flavours, precise acidity, and a generosity of palate are a direct tribute to the site and viticultural practises employed.

Winemaking

The fruit for this Chardonnay was hand-picked then whole bunch pressed directly to barrel, 35% of which were new barrels selected from our most trusted French coopers. These barrels tend to have long, light toasting profiles, which integrate respectfully with the fruit.

The wine was left on fermentation lees for maturation, with a complete malo-lactic fermentation kicking off in spring. This Chardonnay was then blended and filtered, prior to bottling on February 15th Feb 2023.

Tasting note

This elegant Chardonnay has enticing undertones of smoky driftwood, almond pastry, and a hint of oatmeal which weaves in and around the vibrant citrus blossom aromatics.

Limey acidity, paired with a nougat and mineral inspired palate sits perfectly alongside the finest oak layers. An elegant and stylish chardonnay.

Vintage summary

Yet another warm season, with Growing Degree Days well above the long-term average. The weather at flowering was warm and settled so fruit set was good. Some rainfall in February led to a compressed harvest window. We started picking mid-March and all the fruit was in the winery by the 9th April. The wines are aromatically punchy, pure fruited and elegant.

Awards & Reviews

- 94 Points & Excellent, Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier
- 94 Points & 5 Stars, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
- 93 Points & 5 Stars, Candice Chow for Raymond Chan Wine Reviews
- 92 Points, Bob Campbell Master of Wine

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