

‘PLAINSMAN’

2020 SELECT VINEYARDS HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY

Sustainable Wine NZ Registration Number: NZW93D4A4394

Winemakers Notes

Our 2020 Plainsman SV Chardonnay is an 80:20 blend from Apatu Farms Vineyard and our very own Middle Road Vineyard. 2020 was a stunning year in Hawkes Bay and we were delighted to be able to harvest this fruit in beautiful condition. Post pressing and settling, the juice was run off to one-year old and seasoned barrels for fermentation and MLF. Post MLF, the wine was matured in oak, on full lees, until January 2021.

Analysis; **Alc** 13% **Acid** 6.1g/L **Res Sugar** 0.49 g/L **pH** 3.46

Tasting Notes

Colour: Very pale gold in the glass at bottling, and the colour will slowly deepen with time.
Bouquet: A melange of vanilla, cream, sweet lemon, grapefruit, hazelnut, and subtle oak.
Palate: This is a rich Chardonnay. It has weight, sweet fruit, beautiful texture and length.

Cellaring

Already approachable, but will cellar happily into the medium term in a cool environment.

Food Matches

The oak ageing makes this wine an excellent match with full flavoured rich dishes, in particular poultry, pork, salmon and crayfish.

Suggested Wine List Description

A subtle, creamy-textured wine, it has very good depth of ripe, peachy, slightly leesy flavours, considerable complexity, balanced acidity and lots of drink-young charm.

Independent Reviewer’s Comment

“Rich, mellow and appealingly creamy chardonnay with a smooth, rich texture and peach, toast, cashew nut, ginger and spicy oak flavours. An attractive wine from a successful vintage. Good value at this price”
Bob Campbell, Sept 2021

Awards

90 Points – The Real Review, Sept 2021