

## 2020 GISBORNE CEE VEE

### CHARDONNAY/VIIGNIER

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZW5796624F9

#### Winemakers Notes

Gisborne had a stunner of a year in 2020. Our Gisborne Chardonnay (73%) Viognier (27%) is entirely sourced from Doug Bell's vineyard at the base of the Hexton Hills. The chardonnay component was vinified in stainless steel tanks, while the Viognier was fermented in seasoned French oak barrels. The Chardonnay component gives the wine focus and familiarity while the Viognier component adds weight and richness along with breadth and length of flavour. The Viognier also brings a hint of exotica to the assemblage.

#### Analysis

Alc 13%                      Acid 7.0g/L                      Res Sugar 7.1g/L                      pH 3.45

#### Tasting Notes

Colour: This wine is pale gold in its youth, but with time will develop straw and deeper gold tints.

Bouquet: Stonefruit dominates the nose of this wine; peaches, nectarines, apricots. Mingled with this are floral notes (lemon flower and orange flower) backed by gentle spice notes.

Palate: Viognier gives weight and richness on the start, then the Chardonnay component kicks in, focusing and giving structure to the palate.

#### Cellaring

The previous 2 vintages of the wine, 2007 & 2010, both drank well up to 5 years from vintage.

#### Independent Reviewer's Comment

*"Very dry tasting white, clean, alive and with a lot of spine. In this spine, some will call minerality, lies a lot of this wine's appeal. It's a serious wine but very enjoyable with the right food, probably from the sea but has a wider horizon than that."* Peter Saunders, July 2022

*Charming and friendly, this approachable wine shows apricot, Gala apple, orange peel and subtle spice notes on the nose. The palate displays succulent fruit flavours and rounded mouthfeel, well supported by juicy acidity, finishing long and fruity. At its best: now to 2022.* Sam Kim, Nov 2020

#### Awards

5 Stars – Peter Saunders, July 2022

4 Stars/87 Points – Wine Orbit, Nov 2020

87 Points – The Real Review, Sept 2020

3<sup>1/2</sup> Stars – Winestate, May 2021