



Seifried
FAMILY WINEMAKERS

NELSON CHARDONNAY 2021

Awards

GOLD - The New Zealand International Wine Show 2023

91 Points (4.5 Stars) - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, May 2023

4 Stars/Best Buy - Cuisine Magazine, September 2024

89 Points - Bob Campbell MW, © The Real Review, www.therealreview.com, October 2022

Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Rabbit Island and Brightwater vineyards

Sugar at Harvest: 23.5°Brix

Date of Harvest: Mid March 2021

pH of Wine: 3.31

T.A of Wine: 5.9g/L

Residual Sugar of Wine: 1.9g/L (dry)

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

"...well weighted with some richness and sweet citrus fruit flavours alongside an oyster shell minerality that gives texture. The oak is well handled and supports the fruit profile well."

- Cuisine Magazine, September 2024

The Vineyard

Our Rabbit Island vineyard is situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly sandy loam, which is very free-draining. This vineyard is about 1.5 km from the sea, which helps moderate temperatures.

Our Brightwater vineyard is exceptionally stony with free-draining soils, which are very hard on farm equipment. The large stones, however, are vital for holding the warmth of the Nelson sun and for ripening the grapes. Lively fruit characters are evident in fruit harvested from this block.

Winemakers Note

The 'hen and chicken' berries of the Mendoza clone of Chardonnay used in this blend give full tropical flavours. The fruit was harvested, brought to the winery, pressed immediately then cooled for a 24-hour settling period. Following this, the juice was racked and warmed for inoculation.

Primary alcoholic fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks, with the young wine then being gravity fed into one, two and three-year-old French barriques. In spring 2021, the Chardonnay then underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel. Barrels were hand-stirred regularly to build palate weight and structure. The wine then sat on lees for a total of 15 months before being racked from barrique, blended and prepared for bottling.

Tasting Note

The 2021 Seifried Nelson Chardonnay is a very concentrated wine from the exceptionally light vintage 2021. Spring frost, poor December flowering and Boxing Day hail meant we had a tiny crop with outstanding fruit concentration. Citrus, summer stonefruit together with cinnamon stick spice and nutmeg come together building a tasty palate with gentle spice running the length.

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