2023 Hawke's Bay Chardonnay

Attractively ripe and elegantly fragrant, our Hawke's Bay Chardonnay offers delightful drinking. A delicious wine with a combination of ripe yellow stone fruit, apricot and roasted nut characters and a creamy, supple mouthfeel.

Colour:

Pale straw.

Aroma:

Enticing fruit aromas of ripe golden peach, apricot and grapefruit, supported by toasty oak.

Palate:

The palate is broad and soft, with delicious flavours of peaches and honeydew melon, accentuated by the extra creaminess and texture from the lees aging.

Winemaking & Viticulture:

Vintage 2023 was a very challenging growing season; cool conditions through Summer coupled with a destructive tropical cyclone meant it was a year for viticultural prowess and winemaking finesse. The weather improved in March to provide healthy ripe fruit allowing our talented winemaker to produce fabulous wines that rival the last two years vintages with well balanced flavour and acidity.

The fruit for our 2023 Chardonnay was sourced from vineyards located on the silty river banks of Hawke's Bay.

The parcels of fruit were harvested and gently pressed on arrival to the winery. The juice was cold settled before being inoculated with selected yeasts to undergo controlled fermentation in a mix of tanks and barrels. The wine went through malolactic fermentation and was aged on full lees prior to blending, stabilisation, filtering and bottling.

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 12.5% v/v - Residual sugar <1 g/L - Acidity 5.7 g/L - pH 3.68

Food Match:

Superb on its own or lightly chilled with a full-flavoured creamy lemon chicken dish.



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