



Chardonnay 2023

Tasting Notes

This wine offers a range of aromas including citrus, apple and brioche. The palate is ripe and juicy with citrus and peach flavours, a soft texture and a lovely, clean acidity. A deliciously pure expression of Chardonnay highlighting the variety's natural fruit characters together with some richness and balanced by a fresh acidity.

Vineyards and viticulture

This is a single vineyard wine from our Chaytors Road property close to the coast in the Wairau Valley, where the sea breezes moderate temperatures. The grapes are half 25-year-old Mendoza clone and half six-year-old vines of the newer 548 clone.

Winemaking

2023 was a great season, although flowering was rather cool resulting in a lower fruit set. Warm, sunny weather prevailed throughout, and the grapes were picked in perfect condition in early March. They were gently pressed, and the juice was fermented in tank with wild yeast over a two-month period. It was lees-stirred weekly and then aged in old French barriques for a further three months.

100% Chardonnay, 13.1%, RS 1.2, TA 7.0, pH 3.3
Vegan

Cellaring

Delicious now but will continue to reward for four or five years.

Food Match

Easy to enjoy as a glass on its own, or to accompany seafood, creamy risottos and pasta dishes, fresh salmon, soft white cheeses and chicken.

