



CHARDONNAY WORKSHOP

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## PURPOSE

Assess the current state of Chardonnay production in Hawke's Bay.

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## OVERVIEW

Flight of Clone 15 Chardonnay, Handpicked from key subregions.

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## OBJECTIVE

Spark discussion about the future of Chardonnay in the region.



# UCD15

Imported from USA (UC-Davis) 1985

Sourced from National Collection at Blands

Viticulture: Loose, medium-sized bunches. Variable yields due to poor set in suboptimal flowering conditions.

Disease Tolerance: Strong tolerance, superior to B95 and UCD6 depending on set.

Flavour Profile: Citrus-dominant with riper berries showing pineapple notes. Versatile clone with strong varietal expression, weight, and length across winemaking styles.



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# TE AWANGA

Two distinct areas with different soil types. The higher terraced areas are greywacke alluvium from volcanic ash and sandy loam on clay over a cemented pan. The lower Te Awanga areas are the same as the Tukituki Valley with alluvium from muddy siltstones and consists of a silty clay loam on clay on a clay pan.

# HELIO

VINEYARD	HAWKE RIDGE	HANDPICK / MACHINE	HANDPICK
YEAR PLANTED	2002	PH	3.36
ROOTSTOCK	3309	TA	6.47
HARVEST DATE	17.03.24	ALCOHOL	13.1



# TUKITUKI VALLEY

The Tukituki Valley runs along the Tukituki River that flows behind Havelock North and has built up a series of river terraces on both banks. Although predominantly planted in Chardonnay and other white varieties, the valley has a long history of producing premium red wine.

## CHURCH ROAD

<b>VINEYARD</b>	<b>TUKITUKI</b>	<b>HANDPICK / MACHINE</b>	<b>HANDPICK</b>
<b>YEAR PLANTED</b>	2003	<b>PH</b>	3.22
<b>ROOTSTOCK</b>	101-14	<b>TA</b>	6.48
<b>HARVEST DATE</b>	06.03.24	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.07



# GIMBLETT GRAVELS

Formed when the Ngaruroro River last changed course in flood in 1867. The soil has a thin topsoil of fine sand / sandy loamy overlying stony gravels mixed with varying proportions of sand. There are horizontal lenses of non-stony sand between stony layers. The stones on the surface radiate heat absorbed during the day lifting the heat levels accumulated in this area.

# Craggy Range

VINEYARD	GIMBLETT GRAVELS	HANDPICK / MACHINE	HANDPICK
YEAR PLANTED	2018	PH	3.44
ROOTSTOCK	3309	TA	5.52
HARVEST DATE	29.02.24	ALCOHOL	13.52



# BRIDGE PĀ

Bridge Pa contains the oldest soils on the Heretaunga Plains. These are distinct as they consist of low fertile, free draining alluvium deposits of eroded ash, loess and underlying sediments from the surrounding hill sides. Underneath these deposits overlay the commonly referred to “red metals”

# ASH RIDGE

VINEYARD	ASH RIDGE	HANDPICK / MACHINE	HANDPICK
YEAR PLANTED	2007	PH	3.43
ROOTSTOCK	101-14	TA	5.8
HARVEST DATE	19.03.24	ALCOHOL	13.5





# MANGATAHI

The intermediate river soils of the Crownthorpe and Mangatahi Terraces are similar to the ash soils of the Bridge Pa area, though coarser in texture, overlay red metal which is often found close to the surface. They are naturally low in fertility and are predominantly sandy loam in texture.

# KENZIE

<b>VINEYARD</b>	<b>OSAWA</b>	<b>HANDPICK / MACHINE</b>	<b>HANDPICK</b>
<b>YEAR PLANTED</b>	2006	<b>PH</b>	3.31
<b>ROOTSTOCK</b>	3309	<b>TA</b>	7.2
<b>HARVEST DATE</b>	02.03.24	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	12.9



# ŌTĀNE

Located on three major geographical features – limestone hills, gravelly and stony plains and argillite hills and plains. Limestone rock provides free draining and biologically active soils that give distinctive mineral character to the wines. West of the limestone hills, soils are free-draining sandy slits and gravelly terraces. Fractured Argillite shale provides free draining soils of low to moderate fertility in various areas of Central Hawke's Bay

# BILANCIA

<b>VINEYARD</b>	<b>KAIKORA</b>	<b>HANDPICK / MACHINE</b>	<b>HANDPICK</b>
<b>YEAR PLANTED</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>PH</b>	<b>3.25</b>
<b>ROOTSTOCK</b>	<b>OWN ROOTS</b>	<b>TA</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>HARVEST DATE</b>	<b>23.03.24</b>	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>N/A</b>

# CHAT

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