

Elephant Hill produces handcrafted, small-batch wines from grapes grown in three sustainably farmed Hawke's Bay vineyards located in the Te Awanga, Bridge Pa and Gimblett Gravels sub regions, that each contributes a distinctive elemental character of SEA, EARTH & STONE.



2022 Elephant Hill SEA Chardonnay

The Elemental range is our expression of sub regional, single origin wines which show distinct and unique provenance. Wines that are designated SEA, EARTH or STONE are made entirely, or almost entirely, from grapes from our single vineyard sites.

The SEA vineyard is located right on the Pacific coast at Te Awanga with its cool, ocean breezes and shingle soils that help create fresh, aromatic, saline, salivating wines.

Tasting Note

Reviews & scores

Vintage Overview

2022 was one of the warmest years on record with well above long term average heat accumulation days. A dry start and good flowering, then perfectly formed bunches, a sunny January with some late February rains. It never got hot, just warm, so acids and freshness were still retained in the fruit with a short and compact harvest period. The whites show crisp freshness and reds displays elegant, mid bodied fruit flavours.

Winemaking

100% handpicked Chardonnay, whole bunch pressed and free-run juice to barrel, naturally fermented. Partial malolactic. Aged 11 months in French oak, 69% new barrels, and a further 7 months on light lees in tank. 150 cases produced.

Technical Data

Vineyard

98 SEA (Te Awanga)
2% EARTH (Bridge Pa Triangle)

Clones

92% clone 15
8% clone 95

Wine

Alcohol: 13.5%
Residual Sugar: dry
TA: 8.4
pH: 3.22



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