



Expressions of New Zealand

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay | 2023

EXCEPTIONAL SELECTION

Tasting notes

Bright gold in the glass, the aromas are intriguing and complex - fragrant perfume of citrus blossom, hazelnut nougat, and a subtle grapefruit note meld with exotic spice and a dense yet almost subliminal sandalwood tone from high quality French oak. The palate has great poise-the layers of flavour hinted at on the aromatics expand across the palate drawn along by a lingering, fresh acidity.

Vineyard

Only made in exceptional vintages, this wine was grown at our Plateau Vineyard on the Mangatahi Terrace sub-region of Hawke's Bay. Here, the warm days combine with cool nights to allow for extended ripening and retention of acidity and freshness. This is primarily from block 11 which is a single clone- 2/23 Chardonnay.

Winemaking Notes

After the challenges of Cyclone Gabrielle in February, the free draining soils and more benevolent conditions experienced in March allowed us to leave this vineyard selection to ripen beautifully on the vine. The grapes were harvested by hand and then gently pressed as whole bunches, extracting only the free running juice and limiting the potential impact of skin phenolics. After initiating a wild fermentation in stainless steel tank, the fermenting wine was transferred into French oak barriques where it remained on yeast lees until February of 2024. During this period, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and very occasional stirring of yeast lees to build complexity and texture. A meticulous selection of barrels were combined to create this blend



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Booster Wine Group

Variety	Chardonnay
Alcohol	13.45%
pH	3.56
Acidity	5.7 G/L
Residual Sugar	0.1 G/L
Bottle Barcode	9421003813151
Case Barcode	9421003813168 (6 bottle case)