



A finely structured Chardonnay with restrained purity of fruit, French oak and yeast complexity, balanced to age beautifully.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Hawke's Bay's 2019 growing season started with a wet spring, resulting in lower yields and smaller berry size. A warm and dry period after Christmas, extending to a long hot autumn with cool nights ensured fresh acidity and the harvested grapes displayed wonderfully intense fruit flavour.

Higher growing temperatures and lower rainfall, coupled with a lighter crop resulted in an early start to vintage.

VINEYARDS

Old vine Mendoza Chardonnay was hand harvested at two vineyards in Hawke's Bay and chilled overnight. Mangatahi vineyard is inland and elevated with slower ripening, while Bridge Pa ripens Chardonnay beautifully with its red metal soils. Clone 548 was sourced from the Dartmoor Valley.

Low yielding vines, open canopy management, managed irrigation and sustainable winegrowing practices are featured at these sites.

Mendoza's characteristic 'hen and chicken' bunches produced fruit of great intensity, structure and acidity. Clone 548 produced even berry size and lovely fruit vibrancy.

WINEMAKING

Chilled bunches were hand sorted and whole bunch pressed. Most of the juice was cold settled then racked to barrel. For added complexity, fermentation was in new and 1 year old French oak barriques with select cultured and indigenous yeasts. Lees stirring post fermentation was regular, and malolactic fermentation was completed in the barrel. Finally, the Chardonnay matured on lees for 10 months before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTE

Radburnd's restrained 2019 Chardonnay will unfold with time. Pure citrus notes are supported by gentle mealiness from yeast influence - held together with balanced acidity. The beautiful structure of Chardonnay enables graceful bottle development and this wine is poised to do just that. Fine subtle sweet French oak completes this elegant wine.

WILL AGE GRACEFULLY FOR THE NEXT 5 - 7 YEARS.



ALCOHOL
13.5%

TOTAL
ACIDITY
6.4 G/L