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Winemakers Reserve

**HAWKES BAY
CHENIN BLANC 2019**

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

95/100 - Wine Orbit
91/100 - Bob Campbell MW

VINEYARD

A single vineyard wine from the Quinn's Two Terraces Vineyard at Maraekakaho. Situated on a stony river terrace above the Ngaruroro River, this is a warm and well-drained site, with cool nights due to its inland location. Clones 880 and 220 were utilised in the finished wine. Intensive viticultural practices including shoot, bunch thinning and leaf removal were used in the pursuit of quality.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked and whole-cluster pressed. Both clones planted were fermented separately in a mix of large old French oak Demi Muids and small tanks. No yeast was added, allowing the fermentation to be conducted by wild yeast. Given the high sugars at harvest a portion of the wine was stop fermented, to contribute a richness to the finished blend. The wine was left on its fermentation lee's with regular stirring until late January 2020, before blending and bottling.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

A rich and full-bodied style of Chenin Blanc. It showcases the yellow fruit nature of Chenin Blanc, with notes of pineapple, quince and honey evident. The wine is complex, a small amount of residual sugar provides richness in a Vouvray demi-sec style. Delicious as a young wine, the wine will also gain further complexity with time in the bottle.

IDEAL DRINKING

2020 - 2030

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varieties: Chenin Blanc
Oak use: 50% barrel fermented in old French oak demi muids
Alcohol: 14.0
pH: 3.59
Total Acidity: 5.9g/L
Residual Sugar: 5.6g/L
May contain milk.
Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.
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