



VILLA MARIA
NEW ZEALAND



Reserve

HAWKES BAY

Chardonnay 2018

Awards & Accolades

Wine of the Year - Winestate Magazine 2019

Gold - NZ International Wine Show 2019

Gold - NZ Wine of the Year Awards 2019

Winemaker's Comment

In its youth, this concentrated wine is pale in the glass and displays aromas of white fleshed stone fruit, flowers, biscuit and hazelnut. Intricate barrel fermentation influences meld with flint characters and acidity on the palate, forming a refined marriage of style and length. Cellar this wine with confidence for up to 8 years from vintage.

Vintage

The 2018 Hawkes Bay vintage was one of the warmest summers on record and became wet and challenging early March, with picking for most varieties ensuing promptly. The conditions experienced in the late summer were a catalyst for ensuring ripeness was achieved at harvest and selective hand picking of the cleanest fruit enabled Reserve targeted winemaking practices to be employed to full advantage.

Vineyard & Winemaking

VINEYARD: 54% Lyons, 25% Keltern, 21% Waikahu

YIELD: 5.2- 8.3T/Ha

CLONE: 37% CL15, 29% CL548, 24% Mendoza, 9% CL95

This wine features a sensational collection of Chardonnay sites. The Lyons Vineyard is located in close proximity to Gimblett Road. Young low yielding plants in alluvial silt loams add depth of flavour to the blend. Located on the easterly plateau of Maraekakaho, the fruit from the prestigious Keltern site is grown on mature vines in sandy loam over red stained metals. Hand harvested on different dates the various clones and sites provided an exciting array of blending options.

Winemaking Data

VARIETIES: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.36

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.32g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.3g/L

FRUIT HANDLING: 100% whole bunch

FERMENTATION: 75% natural 'wild' 25% Inoculated

FERMENTATION VESSEL: 100% oak Barrique, 34% New - 100% French, tight-grain, M+ toast

MATURATION: 10 months

MALOLACTIC: 50% approx.

FILTRATION: Sterile Bell House off finings

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