

LAKE ROAD

NEW ZEALAND WINE

CHARDONNAY
GISBORNE • 2021

Experience, the epitome of excellence

How does one bring about the best in what they achieve? For every Lake Road specialty vintage, it is with a steadfast focus to do what is right every step of the way. From the dedication of the viticulturist producing exceptional quality grapes, to the instinctive ingenuity of the vintner to create outstanding wines that allows us to continue to deliver excellence on the world stage. This is what sets Lake Road above the rest.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A spectacular vintage in Gisborne, with warm, settled weather which allowed us to harvest at the perfect moment. We selected fruit from Egan block in Makaraka, hand-harvested on 3rd March and whole bunch pressed to barrel for a wild fermentation, and Bell block in Back Ormond Road, machine harvested on 19th March. The free run went to barrel for a wild ferment with a small amount in tank to be inoculated with a commercial yeast strain. The barrel ferment components went through malolactic fermentation at the end of primary fermentation. The wine stayed in barrel/tank until October 2021. Overall, 20% of the assemblage saw new French oak and 75% was barrel fermented. The remaining 25% was tank fermented. The wine was bottled in November 2021.

VINTAGE

2021

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a lovely pale, straw gold. The nose presents white florals, ripe sweetcorn, stonefruit and honey-dew melon, backed by a dash of lees influence and subtle French oak. The wine is medium to full bodied with glorious texture, weight and length, and a delightful creaminess on the finish. It is ready to drink now, but will improve into the medium term with careful, cool cellaring. Match with seafood, chicken and pork.

REGION

Gisborne, New Zealand

ANALYSIS

Alc/vol 13%
p/H 3.51

T.A. 5.6 g/L
RS 2 g/L



93 POINTS, Sam Kim

"Richly fruited and gorgeously complex ... golden peach, mango, vanillin oak and roasted hazelnut aromas ... succulent and creamy in the mouth ... excellent fruit power ... seductive oak infusion ... delectable and highly enjoyable."



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