



2018 Elephant Hill Salomé

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The Icons are the pinnacle of Elephant Hill's winemaking philosophy. Salomé Chardonnay is named after a famous ancestor of the Weiss family. Maria Salomé Ebner von Eschenbach. She was married to Carl Wilhelm Ebner in 1717, who was the Castellan of City of Gostenhof close to Nuremberg.

Vintage Overview

'The best Vintage on record?' A big claim and one we hear perhaps too often in some parts of the industry. However, for the vineyards at Elephant Hill the 2018 Vintage has produced the best of all possible outcomes. We have not only met our yield target (98.5%), but more importantly, we have produced the flavour profiles that are required to produce superior Reserve and Icon quality wines.

Winemaking

Hand-picked grapes were whole bunch pressed and settled before racking into a combination of Burgundy barrels (28% new) using indigenous yeasts. The wine was then aged in barrel for 12 months and an additional 4 months in tank to incorporate textural element to the wine. This wine was bottled on 11th July 2019.

Tasting Note

The 2016 Salomé displays lovely grilled stonefruits, pineapple and citrus characters with subtle, nutty, cream aromas. It is truly balanced and well-structured with exceptional fruit purity, concentration and complexity.

Review

"It's immensely complex and captivating on the nose showing golden peach, grapefruit, vanillin oak and roasted hazelnut characters. The palate displays awesome concentration and focus, wonderfully supported by creamy mouthfeel and bright acidity. Youthful yet delectably appealing already." -Wine Orbit, 96 points

Technical Data

Vineyard

55% Bridge Pa Triangelge
45% Te Awanga

Wine

Alcohol Content: 13.3%
Residual Sugar: 1.2 g/L
TA: 6.5 g/L
Cellar: up to 2029
Production: 265 cases



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