

RAPAURA SPRINGS

RESERVE

CHARDONNAY – 2021

TASTING NOTES

Our Rapaura Springs Reserve Chardonnay is rich and flavourful. Each bottle is bursting with honeysuckle, white peach, nectarine and fresh citrus, all complemented by toasty vanilla and subtle spiced oak characters.



THE STORY

Our Reserve wines are expertly crafted from selected vineyards with impressive flavour concentration and palate weight. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people.

ACCOLADES

91 Points - National Wine Awards of Aotearoa 2022

94 Points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2022

92 Points - Candice Chow 2022

WINEMAKING

Fruit for our 2021 Reserve Chardonnay is grown predominately in the Southern Valleys sub-region. 2021 was a unique vintage, one of the earliest and shortest on record. The growing season was the third in a series of drought vintages, the stress on the vines was compounded by a huge wind run. The combination of some early frost events and a poor flowering resulted in lower yields and smaller bunches than usual. This, combined with the dry conditions, has meant that disease levels are incredibly low this year, resulting in better flavours and pristine fruit. We're thrilled with the concentration and intensity of flavour in our 2021 wines. After the Chardonnay was harvested, the fruit was pressed and the juice fermented with 25% new oak. A secondary malolactic fermentation has softened the wine and added extra texture and complexity to the palate.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottle Barcode: 9421003771574

Carton Barcode: 19421003771588

