

VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

Legacy

HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 2010

SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards Ngakirikiri Lyons, Keltern and Kokako

Yields: 1.5-2.0kgs/vine

Clone: Predominately clone 15

This was an exceptional vintage for Chardonnay in Hawkes Bay. March rainfall was a quarter of the long term average allowing harvest based on flavour with no disease pressure. March temperatures were 0.5°C cooler than the average allowing extended maturation on the vine and acid preservation. The grapes were hand-harvested.

The 2010 vintage followed a warm, dry growing season characterised by a long dry autumn and cool evening temperatures. Grapes for this wine came from very low yielding sites, identified for their ability to produce grapes with depth and concentration of flavour combined with fine natural acidity. Sourced from the cooler vineyard sites of Kokako and Keltern and the warmer Gimblett Gravels of Ngakirikiri and Lyons, the 2010 season delivered grapes of optimum maturity and in perfect condition resulting in a wine of considerable concentration and excellent balance.

WINEMAKING

Pressing: 100% whole cluster

Fermentation: Predominately natural

Fermentation vessel: French barrique, new and seasoned

Maturation: 12 months on lees

Malolactic fermentation: Partial and natural

Bottled: 29 March 2011

Cellaring Potential: 5+ years from vintage

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: Chardonnay

Total acidity: 6.6g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.3

Barcode: 9414416002151

TASTING NOTE

The 2010 vintage was outstanding for Hawkes Bay Chardonnay. Textured and fragrant, with an underlying minerality this wine is held together by a fine line of natural acidity, providing length and clarity on the palate. Distinct and ageworthy.

AWARDS, ACCOLADES & REVIEWS

Pure Elite Gold – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2012

Gold - Easter Show Wine Awards 2013 (NZ)

Gold - Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2012 (NZ)

Gold – New Zealand International Wine Show 2012

5 Stars & Top 10 – Cuisine Magazine, May 2012 (NZ)

5 Stars - Michael Cooper, Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2013

Top 5 Finalist Chardonnay– Winestate Wine of the Year Awards 2012 (Aus)

5 Stars Winestate Magazine, September/October 2012 (Aus)

