

VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

Legacy

HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 2012

SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards Ngakirikiri Lyons, Keltern and Kokako

Yields: 1.5-2.0kgs/vine

Clone: Predominately clone 15

Like the 2011 vintage, 2012 delivered excellent flavour development and ripeness at relatively low sugar levels in the berries. Attaining good flavour at lower sugars has produced wines at lower than normal alcohol levels, wines that show balance, restraint and real drinkability. Despite a cooler than normal growing season, open bunch structure and low yields would prove to be of great benefit later in the season allowing earlier ripening, than normal at good flavour levels and in good condition. It was a year for meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard.

Grapes for this wine were selectively hand picked 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 site of Keltern and the warmer Gimblett Gravels site of Lyons, these sites and the 2012 season have delivered a finely styled wine showing good concentration and excellent balance.

WINEMAKING

Pressing: 100% whole cluster

Fermentation: Predominately natural

Fermentation vessel: French barrique, 42% new and seasoned 58%

Maturation: 10 months on lees 2 months in tank

Malolactic fermentation: Partial and natural

Bottled: 29 February 2013

Cellaring Potential: 5+ years from vintage

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: Chardonnay

Total acidity: 6.73g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.27

Barcode: 9414416002151

TASTING NOTE

The 2012 vintage has produced a finely styled Chardonnay. Citrus, flint and roasted nut aromas combine into a seamless palate with an underlying minerality. Balanced, complex and textured, this classic Hawkes Bay Chardonnay will continue to age gracefully over time. Distinctive and ageworthy.

AWARDS, ACCOLADES & REVIEWS

4 ½ Stars – *Winestate Hawkes Bay Tasting 2013 (NZ)*

Champion Wine of Show and Bragato Trophy Winner Bragato Wine Awards 2014

