

Valli Waitaki Vineyard Chardonnay 2020

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Viticulture

Location: Waitaki Valley, North Otago

Climate: Maritime influenced
Altitude: 200m (656 Feet)
Clones: B95, 548 and 809

Soils: Limestone-based soil spread through river gravels

GDD: Approximately 800

Rainfall: Approximately 530 per Annum

Vine Age & Density: 9 & 13 years old at 4167 vines / Hectare

Yield: 2 Tonnes / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

Winemaking

Harvest Date: 10th and 26th April 2020

Brix: 23.6 Whole Bunch Pressed: 100% New Oak Percentage: 28%

Time in Barrel: 11.5 Months

Coopers Used: Ana Selection, Bel Air

Bottled pH: 3.50
Bottled TA: 6.0g/l
Filtering: None
Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Bottles Produced: 2,016

The small bunches were hand-harvested and whole bunch pressed for gentle extraction. The pressed juice was homogenized and put directly to barrel without settling in order to benefit from the full solids during fermentation. The wine was fermented in French oak barriques (28% new) with weekly stirring through malolactic fermentation. It was blended at 11.5

Tasting Note

"The 2020 harvest was "classic" in the Waitaki in terms of the timing of harvest, the low volume and high quality of the fruit. The limestone-rich soils influence both the shape and the flow of this wine with lovely tension across the mid palate and racy acidity extending the finish. The nose has stone fruit, citrus and a lovely savoury note that is derived from the high solids fermentation. The wine is a juxtaposition of intensity and subtlety with a real limey fruit purity at the core. Made in tiny quantities, this young wine is immediately enjoyable and will continue to reward for another decade." *Jen Parr*