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NORTH CANTERBURY RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2017

5 STARS

Sam Kim Wine Orbit, August 2018

“Generously fruited and beautifully fragrant, the bouquet shows grilled peach, mango, vanilla and roasted hazelnut characters. The palate is wonderfully weighted and fleshy, delivering waves of delicious flavours backed by stylish oak influence and refreshing acidity. The wine is plush and engaging. At its best: now to 2021.”

4.5 STARS

Michael Cooper, 2018 Edition

“Showing obvious potential, the refined 2017 vintage (****1/2) was matured for nine months in French oak barriques (30 per cent new). Fresh and mouthfilling, it has excellent depth and delicacy of grapefruit, peach and pear flavours, with a cool climate thread and a lingering finish. Best drinking 2020+. The 2006 vintage (4*) was hand-picked and handled for nine months in French oak casks (30 per cent new). Light lemon/green, it is weighty and rounded, with strong grapefruit and pear flavours, gentle acidity and a dry, rounded finish.”

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Sam Kim Wine Orbit, May 2017

“Restrained and delicate, the bouquet shows grapefruit, lemon peel, white stone fruit and nougat notes. The palate is fine and tightly structured, and delivers elegant fruit flavours backed by crisp acidity. Youthful, refreshing and lingering with subtle savoury flavours. At its best: now to 2019. RRP\$29.50. www.dunnolly.co.nz. May 2017.”

4 STARS

Raymond Chan, May 2017

“Brilliant light straw-yellow colour, a little paler on the rim. This has a soft but fresh nose with aromas of white peaches and yellow stonefruits, along with a subtle mealy and nutty lees layering and a little barrel-ferment creaminess. Medium-bodied, the palate features fresh fruit flavours of white stonefruits and citrus fruit entwined with mealy and nutty lees and oak detail. The palate shows subtle barrel-ferment creaminess, but the fresh, lacy acidity prevails.



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The wine flows along a fine-textured phenolic line, leading to an elegant, dry, lively and lingering finish of stonefruits and nuts. This is a fresh, lively, but soft-textured Chardonnay with white stonefruit flavours and subtle notes of nutty oak and lees elements. Match with seafood and poultry dishes over the next 3+ years. Clone 6 Chardonnay from 'Dunnolly Estate', hand-picked and WBP, fermented in tank and 40% in barrel, partially by indigenous yeasts to 13.0% alc., the wine aged 9 months in barrel, 20% of the oak new with 60% MLF. Winemaker: Nick Parish. 17.0+/20 May 2017"

NORTH CANTERBURY RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2013

85 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW, April 2014

"Unusual and distinctive wine with toast, bran biscuit characters that dominate citrus/grapefruit characters. Linear wine that lacks fruit intensity."

83 POINTS

Huon Hooke, September 2014

"Light straw colour. The bouquet is vegetal and silage-like, the palate grippy and rather angular, all arms and legs. There's a degree of astringency here. I suspect botrytis."

3.5 STARS

Michael Cooper, 2015 Edition

"The 2013 vintage (3.5*) is a mouthfilling, creamy-textured wine, tank and barrel-fermented. Moderately complex, with very good depth of grapefruit and peach flavours, a hint of biscuity oak and a rounded finish, it's already drinking well."

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NORTH CANTERBURY RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2012

89 POINTS



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Bob Campbell MW, May 2013

“Delicate, fruit-focused Chardonnay with a pleasing texture and good balance of acidity with alcohol sweetness to give a pleasantly drying finish. Tight citrus/lemon and mineral flavours with very subtle spicy oak in the background.”

4 STARS

Michael Cooper, 2014 Edition

“The 2012 (4*), labelled 'Single Vineyard', was fermented in a 50:50 split of tanks and barrels, and handled with some use of indigenous yeasts and 'lots' of lees-stirring. Fresh, elegant and mouthfilling, it's a very finely balanced wine with citrusy, peachy, slightly biscuity flavours, a hint of butterscotch, a subtle seasoning of oak and good acid spine. Already enjoyable, it should be at its best 2014+”

NORTH CANTERBURY RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2011

90 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW, April 2012

“Soft, rich, broad and accessible Chardonnay in a mellow and very drinkable style. Interesting peach, apricot, musk, guava and a hint of floral characters supported by subtle spicy oak. A distinctive and appealing style offering good value at this price.”

3.5 STARS

Michael Cooper, 2013 Edition

“Mouthfilling, fresh and vibrant, with ripe, citrusy, peachy flavours, the 2011 vintage (3.5*) shows good delicacy and depth, with a gentle seasoning of French oak. Partly barrel-fermented, it is a moderately complex style, drinking well in its youth.”

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Michael Cooper, 2014 Edition

“Mouthfilling, fresh and vibrant, with ripe, citrusy, peachy flavours, the 2011 vintage (3.5*), labelled 'Parish', shows good delicacy and depth, with a gentle seasoning of French oak. Partly barrel-fermented, it is a moderately complex style, drinking well in its youth. “



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