



ROCKBURN RELEASES HIGHLY ANTICIPATED CHARDONNAY 2022



(Central Otago, New Zealand): Rockburn fans are raising a glass to the return of Rockburn’s beloved Chardonnay, after a nine-year hiatus. The latest expression, Rockburn Chardonnay 2022, has bottled up the very best of Central Otago Chardonnay to offer a bright, delicate and elegant wine; the perfect pour as we head into the cooler months.

A captivating Chardonnay delivering a bouquet of citrus, ripe peach, hazelnut and subtle baking spice. On the palate, full texture and fine tension, showcasing flavours of lemon meringue, butterscotch and a delicate minerality. Lovely balance and youthful acidity, the Rockburn Chardonnay is optimally paired with a chicken risotto or seafood.

Rockburn Winemaker, Malcolm Rees-Francis has crafted a Chardonnay that is elegant and bright with fruit. “It is very special that we are finally able to welcome Chardonnay back to our offering after a nine-year hiatus. Chardonnay has always been in the DNA of Rockburn and we are thrilled that the 2022 vintage has provided us with a delicious wine that we are now able to welcome back to our stable.”

In 1999, Rockburn established its 24 hectare Parkburn Vineyard, planting a single hectare of Chardonnay (Clones 6, 15 & 1). Come 2013, a decision was made in to replant and move that block to a higher vantage following Rockburn’s replant programme. Following, in 2018 the Rockburn team added twelve generous rows of Chardonnay (Clone 95), adding to the collection of vines that came to produce the newly released Rockburn Chardonnay 2022.

Tim Severne, General Manager of Rockburn Wines adds, “Chardonnay is going to be the white variety Central Otago is known for around the world. Our first in awhile this year’s vintage isn’t one to miss and we are excited to hear how people enjoy it.”