

2020 Hawke's Bay Chardonnay

The Silver Fern is an iconic symbol of New Zealand. Fern Ridge wines reflect the essence of New Zealand through flavor and style. Using premium fruit, we have created a quality range of styles known to have a generous fruit-forward approach and offer great value.

Color:

Pale straw.

Aroma:

Enticing fruit aromas of ripe golden peach, apricot and grapefruit, supported by toasty oak.

Palate:

The palate is broad and soft, with delicious flavors of peaches and honeydew melon, accentuated by the extra creaminess and texture from the lees aging.

Winemaking & Viticulture:

We were incredibly lucky to be able to create this wine in 2020, with the country in a nationwide lockdown during the harvest period due to COVID-19.

The fruit for our 2020 Chardonnay was sourced from vineyards located on the silty river banks of Hawke's Bay.

The parcels of fruit were harvested and gently pressed on arrival to the winery. The juice as the cold settled before being inoculated with selected yeasts to undergo controlled fermentation in a mix of tanks and barrels. Approximately 50% of the parcels went through malolactic fermentation to add complexity and add to the creamy mouthfeel. Following fermentation the wine was aged on full lees prior to blending, stabilization, filtering and bottling.

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 13.5 % v/v

Residual sugar <1 g/L

Acidity 5.9 g/L

pH 3.54

Food Match:

Superb on its own or lightly chilled with a full-flavored creamy lemon chicken dish.



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