



SMALL BATCH

VARIETY: *Chardonnay*

REGION: *Hawke's Bay*

VINTAGE: *2019*

THE SMALL BATCH COLLECTION WAS CREATED AFTER OUR WINEMAKERS DISCOVERED SMALL PARCELS OF OUTSTANDING QUALITY FRUIT WHICH THEY KNEW WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT WINE. EACH PARCEL RECEIVES HANDS-ON INDIVIDUAL MANAGEMENT DURING WINEMAKING TO RETAIN ITS UNIQUE VINEYARD CHARACTER.

THIS SMALL BATCH WINE IS CLASSIC HAWKE'S BAY CHARDONNAY - RICH WITH NOTES OF STONE FRUIT DELIVERED WITH LENGTH.

VINEYARD REGION Puketapu, Hawke's Bay where the best Chardonnay on some of the oldest vines in the region is grown.

WINEMAKING Selectively harvested grapes were pressed and the juice was settled for 12 hours before transfer to French Oak barrels for fermentation. A selection of yeast strains were used to both capture and enhance the multitude of aromas and flavours within the fruit. To help develop a creamy texture, the chardonnay was left on lees in barrel for six months. After a barrel selection tasting, the Small Batch Chardonnay blend was finalised, filtered and bottled with minimal handling.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS 2019 will go down as one of the great Hawke's Bay vintages. Moderate flowering and fruit set in November and December set up the vines for moderate yields which in turn means high quality fruit with intense flavour. Superb weather in early 2019 lasted ensuring harvesting of small, concentrated berries with superb flavour.

FOOD MATCH This Chardonnay matches perfectly with every friends and family get-together. It's also a great accompaniment to a creamy spaghetti carbonara.

WINE ANALYSIS Alc 13% | pH 3.65 | TA 5.11 | RS 1 g/L

AGING POTENTIAL Enjoyable now but will reward cellaring for up to five years.



WINEMAKER: Nikolai St George - four time winner of NZ Winemaker of the Year.