



## 2017 Elephant Hill Reserve Chardonnay

*Established in 2003, Elephant Hill located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.*

Reserve wines are only made when the fruit displays optimum ripeness and quality. Our overriding philosophy is to preserve the varietal integrity of the fruit from our vineyards.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Our coastal Te Awanga vineyard has proven an excellent site for Chardonnay and 2017 vintage produced great quality of Chardonnay fruit before the tropical cyclones arrive Hawke's Bay. Majority of Clone 15 and 95 from our Te Awanga vineyard, and the remaining from our Bridge Pa Triangle vineyard. Whole bunch pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast. The wine was aged in 26% new French oak for 12 months with some lees stirring, minimal malolactic fermentation.

This wine displays yellow stonefruit and citrus characters with a toasty oak palate. It is finely concentrated and has subtle mineral elements. The exceptional fruit purity, concentration and complexity are the hallmarks of our Elephant Hill Reserve Chardonnay.

Beautiful to drink now or cellar to 2026.  
600 cases made.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol Content: 13.4 %  
Residual Sugar: 1.2 g/L

*"Tangy Chardonnay with green apple, citrus, lime, toast, bran biscuit and spicy oak flavours. Moderately rich but a little green with assertive acidity." - Bob Campbell MW 91 points (Nov 2019)*

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