

Two Terraces Vineyard

Hawke's Bay

Chardonnay

2024



bi'lancia Italian (be-larn-cha) balance, harmony and equilibrium; the scales, of the zodiac (libra)

A single vineyard Chardonnay from Two Terraces Vineyard in Mangatahi, further inland than the Roys Hill vineyards. The Mangatahi terraces were shaped by the Ngaruroro River approximately 15,000 years ago.

The soils here are a silt/sand loam running to depths of 20-40cm and were laid down by the river's ancient flows, along with windblown loess and some volcanic influence from the North Island's Central Plateau. These soils sit above so-called alluvial red metals. The Chardonnay clone is 548.

The fruit was 100% hand-picked, then whole bunch pressed to French oak barriques for fermentation. As with all of our Chardonnays, the Two Terraces Vineyard Chardonnay was fermented with indigenous yeast. The wine spent 11 months in oak prior to bottling; there was no fining or cold stabilisation.



(The front label is a stylised representation of the aerial view of the vineyard).

The more elevated, inland site with cooler overnight temperatures gives the 2024 Trelinnoe Vineyard Chardonnay a beautiful acid backbone while showing full, ripe fruit and great texture.

Classic Hawke's Bay Chardonnay, moderately tight and restrained in its youth but with time it will open up to a rich, food friendly wine.

This wine is ready to drink on release and will continue to develop positively for 6 – 8 years.

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