

Čuvar Guardian Collection

Rivermere, Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay 2020

VINTAGE

2020 proved to be an outstanding vintage for Hawke's Bay. Above-average temperatures and dry weather conditions created optimal ripeness for fruit ensuring excellent condition throughout the harvest and on arrival into the winery.

VINEYARD

Rivermere (formerly Lyon's) (100%)

Nestled against the Ngaruroro River on the Gimblett Gravels, the oldest planting date back 30 odd years. Legend has it the wide-spaced rows in the old block of Chardonnay were planted to ensure the then owner could drive his tractor home from the local pub! These wide rows mean the yields here are very low per ha., the canopy is open and disease pressure minimal. As winemakers we covet this vineyard.

TECH NOTES

PH : 3.2	TA : 7.5gl	ALC : 14.0%	Residual Sugar : Dry
Standard Drinks : 8.3	Variety : Chardonnay 100%		
Bottled: March 2021	Vegan Friendly		

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

The gorgeous bouquet ushers you towards a palate rich in complexity with layers of fruit development and silky texture. The natural yeast fermentation developed the stunning secondary fruit flavours that perfectly mirror the bouquet while the careful use of oak barriques has enveloped the wine in a luxurious nutty hug. Clone 15.

WINEMAKING

FRUIT HANDLING :

100% Hand-picked and fermented with natural yeast

FERMENTATION VESSEL :

50% new oak 50% seasoned 100% natural primary yeast ferment. Partial natural malolactic secondary ferment. 10 months on yeast lees.



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