

BILANCIA

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



Hawke's Bay
Chardonnay
2024



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The 2024 vintage was a classic Hawke's Bay growing season; a warm, dry settled summer, followed by a gentle Autumn, which was a bonus after the interesting 2023.

2024 Bilancia Chardonnay was sourced predominantly from an established vineyard on Ngatarawa Road with smaller volumes from two other Hawke's Bay vineyards; *la collina* at Roys Hill and Two Terraces Vineyard at Mangatahi. The Chardonnay fruit was all hand picked, with each vineyard kept separate as ferments. Each parcel of fruit was whole-bunch pressed and the juice run straight to barrels from the press. The juice was fermented by indigenous yeast in all older French oak and the wine spent 11 months in these barrels prior to blending and bottling; there was no fining or cold settling.

The aim is to produce a wine that speaks of Chardonnay. It is a youthful wine, evenly structured with emphasis on a fresh, food-friendly style and balanced palate. Stonefruit and citrus on the nose and palate with texture, character, freshness and a line of acidity through the palate.

This wine is ready to drink on release and will continue to develop and fill out for 4 - 6 years.

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