

ENVOY

SPY VALLEY

Envoy Johnson Chardonnay 2017

Vintage Notes

2017 proved to suit Chardonnay nicely. A pleasant summer led to a cooler period immediately before harvest – perfect for retaining acidity and flavour at the time of Chardonnay ripening.

Winemaking

Handpicked in the cool of morning, the grapes naturally fermented and were hand plunged in open vats over several weeks. A portion of the bunches were left as whole bunches. After draining to barrels for 14 months, the wine was blended to rest in tank several months before bottling.

Aroma & Palate

Ripe citrus fruit is the base, with white peach, hazelnut and some creamy, nutmeg barrel notes. Citrus fruit is accentuated with a crisp acid backbone. A smooth palate structure shows savoury and nutty barrel influences.

Winemaker Note: Our 2017 Envoy Chardonnay is now a nine-year-old wine. While it is still tasting fresh and bright, it has also developed some bottle age character over time. As wines age, there is a natural chance of harmless sediment or crystals forming in bottle. In this case, what you are seeing is a mixture of potassium and calcium tartrate crystals with some polyphenols attached – natural acid crystals that have precipitated out during ageing, with some colour derived from tannins in the wine and from oak ageing. These crystals are completely harmless and are typical of well-aged wines. In fact, their presence is often seen as a sign of minimal intervention and natural ageing rather than a fault. They have no negative impact on the quality or enjoyment of the wine.

Technical Notes

REGION:	Marlborough – Waihopai & Omaka Valleys
VINTAGE:	2017
HARVESTED:	22 March & 02 April
BRIX:	23.9 & 21.7 Brix
ALCOHOL:	13.0%
pH:	3.17
TOTAL ACID:	6.9 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	0.6 g/l
WINEMAKER:	Paul Bourgeois, Richelle Collier
VITICULTURIST:	Adam McCone

Accolades

- 5 stars / Ranked 3rd – Cuisine Chardonnay Tasting 2024
- Silver – Dish Magazine Tasting 2024
- Silver – The Marlborough Wine Show 2024
- 94 Points – James Suckling Top 100 NZ Wine List 2023
- 5 Stars by Winestate Magazine Australia 2022
- 5 Stars by Michael Cooper – ‘Michael Cooper’s Buyers Guide’

