

Winemakers Collection

NELSON BARRIQUE FERMENTED CHARDONNAY 2019



Awards

94 Points - Cameron Douglas MS, The Shout, September 2021

94 Points (5 Star) - Wine Orbit, March 2021, New Zealand

90 Points - Bob Campbell MW, © The Real Review, therealreview.com

Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater Vineyard

Sugar at Harvest: 23.4 °Brix

Date of Harvest: 18 March 2019

pH of Wine: 3.51

T.A of Wine: 5.3g/L

Residual Sugar of Wine: dry

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

“Bright, crisp chardonnay with grapefruit, white peach, nectarine, oyster-shell and cashew nut flavours supported by refreshing acidity. A smooth-textured wine with impressive purity.”

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The Vineyard

Our Brightwater Vineyard lies about 15km from the sea (10km from the winery) and is nestled under the Richmond Ranges on the southern end of the Waimea Plains. The temperature at this site fluctuates more than any of our other vineyards due to its distance from the coastline. The Vineyard is exceptionally stony with free draining soils, which is very hard on the farm equipment. The large stones however are vital for holding the warmth of the Nelson sun and for ripening the grapes. Lively fruit characters are evident in fruit harvested from this block.

Winemakers Note

Fruit was harvested and brought to the winery where it was immediately pressed and cooled for a 24 hour settling period. Following this the juice was racked and warmed before inoculation. Once the ferment was active it was gravity fed to new, one and two year old French barriques. The wine completed primary alcohol fermentation in oak before undergoing malolactic fermentation. During these alcoholic fermentations the barrels were hand stirred periodically to build palate weight and structure. Following this the wine was left sitting on its yeast lees for a further 12 months before being racked from barrique and prepared for bottling.

Tasting Note

The 2019 Seifried Nelson Barrique Fermented Chardonnay is from this outstanding vintage in Nelson. A very warm growing season meant we picked perfect fruit very early for this vintage. The wine is intense, expressive and varietal with a luscious creamy palate texture and fruit weight balancing the fine oak tannins which linger on the palate.

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