



LEVERET ESTATE

HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 2013



This outstanding wine displays aromas of rock melon, green papaya and toffee apple. Subtle oak plays in the background. The palate shows ripe rock melon with a citrus length. A soft and textured wine with great length and subtle complexity.

Fruit for this wine comes from both our Riverview vineyard on the southern banks of the Ngaruroro River and our Kinross vineyard on the opposite bank. Both these vineyards are influenced by cool night air streams that are funnelled down from the nearby mountains. These cooler conditions are ideal for Chardonnay, allowing the fruit to retain more natural acidity and flavour.

The 'Mendoza' clone of Chardonnay was chosen for this wine, due to its stronger fruit flavours and higher natural acidity. Gentle pressing and separation of pressings the resultant free run juice is transferred to barrel for fermentation by natural and introduced yeasts. MLF was used on a portion of the blend which softens the acidity and provides complexity and depth to the flavour profile.

After 12 months in barrel, with regular less stirring the components were blended, prior to bottling in July 2014.

Wine Analysis:

Region: Hawkes Bay

Vintage: 2013

Contains: Sulphites

Alcohol: 13.0

Standard Drinks: 7.7

