



**LEVERET ESTATE
HAWKE'S BAY CHARDONNAY
2018**

Heritage

Established in 1978, The Wine Portfolio combines the finest grapes with the best winemaking techniques, as well as passion from our dedicated winemakers. We have taken the boutique winery approach to winemaking by controlling the entire process—from grafting our own cuttings, developing our own vineyards and viticultural techniques and investing in the best technology possible.

Vineyards

This wine is from Chardonnay grapes grown in our Riverview vineyard in the Hawke's Bay.

Vinification

The fruit was pressed into stainless steel tanks and after a short settling period the juice was run off to barrel for fermentation. A number of barrels were allowed to undergo wild ferment while the rest were inoculated with a range of yeast strains including PDM, and Spark. Following fermentation the wine was inoculated for malolactic fermentation. After approximately one year in oak, the wine was then transferred to our Katikati winery for finishing and bottling.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

An elegant and powerful single vineyard Chardonnay that oozes class. Toasted pine nuts, grilled peaches and a subtle flinty reduction. Sourced from our Riverview vineyard on the banks of the Ngaruroro River, this site has imparted purity and a flinty texture from the stony soils. A long powerful finish, full of ripe melon and beautifully integrated oak. Delicious.

Cellaring Potential

This wine is drinking well now but will cellar for up to five years.

Food Match

Superb with chicken and pasta dishes.

Analysis

Alcohol:	14% v/v
Residual Sugar:	<1 g/L
Total Acidity:	6.5 g/L
pH:	3.35



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