

LEVERET ESTATE
RESERVE
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

The grapes for this wine were 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. Most of the barrels were allowed to undergo wild fermentation. Following fermentation the wine was inoculated for Malolactic fermentation. After approximately a year, in a variety of oak barrels, the wine was transferred to our Katikati winery for finishing. The wine was bottled in March 2020.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

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

Food Match

Superb with chicken and pasta dishes.

Cellaring Potential

This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for 5 years plus.

Analysis

Alcohol:	13.5% v/v
Residual Sugar:	0.94 g/L
Total Acidity:	7.4 g/L
pH:	3.38

