



2017 Elephant Hill Salomé

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The Icons are the pinnacle of Elephant Hill's winemaking philosophy. Salomé Chardonnay is named after a famous ancestor of the Weiss family. Maria Salomé Ebner von Eschenbach. She was married to Carl Wilhelm Ebner in 1717, who was the Castellan of City of Gostenhof close to Nuremberg.

Vintage Overview

The 2016/17 growing season was marked by a sharp change of fortunes towards the end of summer by a sudden increase in rainfall throughout February to April and crop losses. Our hand-picking regime has to be incredibly thorough, ensuring only the best grapes are picked. Our Icon, Reserve and single vineyard blocks receive the most attention and are cropped the lowest, so in a bad year they will often survive better than other blocks which are less of a priority.

Winemaking

Majority of the grapes came from our Te Awanga vineyard with small amount of grapes from our Bridge Pa Triangle vineyard. It was barrel fermented and aged in one-third new French oak for a full 12 months with some lees stirring. 20% went through malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Note

The 2017 Salomé is expressive and harmonious with pure aromas of citrus fruit and white stonefruit along with subtle nutty oak flavour. This wine shows lovely delicacy and concentration, finely balanced acidity and a seamless finish.

Review

"Refined pear and melon notes are buttressed by plentiful oak on the nose, while the medium-bodied palate is plump and custardy, turning more linear and focused on the citrusy finish." -RobertParker.com(Joe Czerwinski), 92 points

Technical Data

Vineyard

Te Awanga
Bridge Pa Triangle
Harvest: Early March 2017

Wine

Alcohol Content: 13.0%
Residual Sugar: <1 g/L
TA: 7.5 g/L
Cellar: up to 2032
Production: 110 cases



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