



2016 Elephant Hill Reserve Chardonnay

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill 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.

Reserve wines are only made when the fruit displays optimum ripeness and quality. Our overriding philosophy is to preserve the varietal integrity of the fruit from our vineyards.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Climatically, 2016 was a cooler vintage and the picking began in late March. Our coastal Te Awanga vineyard is proven to be an excellent site for Chardonnay and other white varieties. Majority of Clone 15 and 95 with small amount of Clone 548 and 80% from our Te Awanga vineyard, 20% from our Bridge Pa Triangle vineyard. Whole berry pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast. The wine was aged in 26% new French oak for 12 months with some lees stirring, minimal malolactic fermentation.

This wine displays yellow stonefruit and citrus characters with a toasty oak palate. It is finely concentrated and has subtle mineral elements. The exceptional fruit purity, concentration and complexity are the hallmarks of our Elephant Hill Reserve Chardonnay.

It is beautiful to drink now but will develop well with proper cellaring for another 5-8 years.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol Content: 13,5 %
Residual Sugar: <1 g/L

VINEYARD BREAKDOWN

80% Te Awanga
20% Bridge Pa Triangle

*Cameron Douglas MS 96 points
Bob Campbell MW 95 points
Sam Kim 95 points*

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