

2021

SKEETFELD VINEYARD
Chardonnay

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A warm spring catalysed an early bud burst. Sporadic rainfall coupled with warmer than average temperatures set a moderate crop through spring and early summer. From mid-summer, warm dry conditions persisted through until harvest yielding fully ripe, concentrated fruit in impeccable condition.

THE VINEYARD

Skeetfield Vineyard, located in Ohiti district of Hawke's Bay.

Elevation	30 metres
Aspect	Flat Dry Riverbed
Soil	Alluvial silt/loam
Year Planted	1988
Clone/Rootstock	100% Mendoza
Viticulture	1650 vines/ha, Cane pruned, Vertically shoot positioned

THE HARVEST Hand Picked on the 23rd March

Average Brix	23.4 brix
Yield	7 tonnes/ha or 49HL/ha

IN THE WINERY

Fermentation	100% whole bunch pressed, cloudy juice run straight to French Oak puncheons.
Post Ferment	Left on yeast lees. Complete spring malolactic ferment.
Maturation	10 months in combination of 1 and 2 year old Chassin French Oak Puncheons
Finishing	No fining, fine pad filtration, bottled on site.
Note	Our wines are not cold or heat stabilised, and therefore may form harmless sediment in bottle.



THE WINE

Tasting Note: *Ripe fruit characterised as peach verging on apricot level intensity. It is the most unctuous, palate enveloping Chardonnay we have yet produced. Intense and long – this releases waves and layers of flavour that will satisfy full-bodied Chardonnay lovers.*

ANALYSIS

Alc. 13.5%
pH. 3.28
TA. 6.4g/L
R/S 2.5g/L

CELLARING

Now, or bottle mature for up to 10 years.

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