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CHURCH ROAD GRAND RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2023



\$36.99

Product Code:	4082	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Hawkes Bay	Volume:	750ml
Style:	White	Alcohol:	13.5%
Variety:	Chardonnay	Grape:	100% Chardonnay



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TASTING NOTES

The Church Road Grand Reserve Chardonnay has carved out an enviable reputation as one of Hawkes Bay and New Zealand's very best.

Double Gold Medal at the prestigious Global Fine Wine Challenge in Australia 2025 Judges' Comments 96/100

"Big struck-match reductive nose; smoked chicken too. Rich, full-bodied, powerful and deep wine. A big mouthful of Chardonnay; it handles the reduction comfortably." **94/100** "Very overt reduction on the bouquet, struck match, gun smoke. Excellent intensity of preserved lemon balanced by a backbone of mineral acidity. Lots of drive and energy here, finishing long with a slightly saline edge." **95/100** "Reduction very noticeable straight away; flint and struck match. Oak. Succulent mouthwatering acidity to match. Good length. An appealing style."

Winery notes (2023 Vintage) "Church Road Grand Reserve wines are produced only in exceptional vintages. The very best low-cropping vineyard blocks are targeted for selective hand-harvesting to yield wines with the greatest possible flavour, depth and concentration. In the winery these wines are made using small batch, traditional winemaking techniques that emphasise texture, structure and subtle complexity, while still letting the fruit shine through. A fuller bodied Chardonnay balanced by gentle, fresh acidity and a spine of slate like minerality. Fresh zesty citrus and citrus blossom notes are to the fore this year with riper, richer stonefruit underlying and providing extra depth. The fruit is overlaid with complexities of roasted nuts, toasted brioche, and a wisp of struck flint and gun smoke. Already drinking exceptionally well, with careful cellaring we expect this wine to continue to mature gracefully for 5 years or more from vintage date."

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Reviews for the 2022 vintage below...

94/100 David Walker Bell, WineFolio.co.nz, July 2024 (2022 Vintage) "Scented with lemon peel, hazelnut, peach, baking spice, popcorn and pear - and where the struck match reductivity is tempered by the rich fruit and lift of honeysuckle florals. Full-bodied, with a slice of toasty, spicy oak contrasted to crisp acidity giving good length to the palate. Packed with energy and verve, there's plenty of concentration - and plenty to like - with a complex, bold layering of elements and flavours."

94/100 Jamie Goode, WineAnorak.com, August 2024 (2022 Vintage) "This is rich and lively with lovely vibrant pear, peach and pineapple fruit, showing good acidity and a touch of freshness from some dissolved carbon dioxide, that supports the lemony acid line. Very well integrated oak with some mineral notes adding framing to the ripe but balanced fruit. Such a broad palate of flavours, this is eager to please but has seriousness at the same time."

Gold Medal & #3 - Dish Magazine Chardonnay Tasting, September 2024 (2022 Vintage) "With its pronounced floral aromas, masses of citrus blossom, acacia, white peach and sweet fruit concentration, this chardonnay immediately impressed the judges. Polished, precise, with a firm acid backbone, complex, hazelnutty, biscuity oak and a harmoniously smoky finish, it's an absolutely stunning wine."

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