

MILLS REEF RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2022



Original price was: \$25.99.\$22.99Current price is: \$22.99.

Product Code:	4065	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

Winery notes (2022 Vintage)

"This excellent Chardonnay is highly appealing, with pronounced nectarine, peach, rock melon, nashi pear and ginger spice flavours, finishing with toasty oak and subtle butterscotch notes. Barrel fermentation and aging in quality oak has conferred lovely creamy weight, length and complexity. Full bodied and perfectly balanced.

The grapes for this classical variety were carefully selected from two acclaimed vineyard sites rich in red metal and alluvial deposits. The 2021/22 growing season in Hawkes Bay enjoyed a climate of consistently warm, clear, sunny days and uniform temperatures, with cooler evenings. This near perfect weather pattern allowed the grapes to be harvested slowly at optimal ripeness, flavour profile and balance.

Harvesting of the chardonnay grapes took place on the 6th of March with the fruit arriving at the winery in excellent condition. The juice was cooled settled for 24 hours, then inoculated with a selection of chardonnay specific yeasts. The juice was then transferred to French oak barrels (30% of which was new) for fermentation in two separate batches. Then, the wine underwent 35% malolactic fermentation to achieve an integrated buttery texture. Thereafter, each parcel spent ten months in oak with frequent lees stirring for enhanced complexity. The final wine was composed from selected barrels within each batch to achieve the desired wine style, before bottling under screwcap on the 9th of February 2023."



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