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## VILLA MARIA RESERVE HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 2022



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A Moderately Intense and  
Sophisticated Style from a Top Vintage

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| Product Code: | 4093                        | Closure: | Screw Cap       |
| Country:      | New Zealand                 | Unit:    | Each            |
| Region:       | Hawkes Bay                  | Volume:  | 750ml           |
| Style:        | White                       | Alcohol: | 13.5%           |
| Variety:      | Chardonnay                  | Grape:   | 100% Chardonnay |
| Producer:     | <a href="#">Villa Maria</a> |          |                 |



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### TASTING NOTES

**Gold Medal - Hawke's Bay Wine Awards 2024**

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## Winery notes (2022 Vintage)

"In youth, this concentrated wine is pale in the glass and displays aromas of ripe stone fruit, citrus flowers, and grilled nuts. Natural barrel fermentation influences have created flinty complexity and the finish is driven by a generous palate and succulent acidity. Cellar this wine with confidence for up to 5-8 years from vintage.

Hand harvested on different dates the various clones and sites provided an exciting array of blending options. Gentle whole bunch pressing allows for the finest quality of juice to be run directly into French oak barriques for natural fermentation. Once complete the individual parcels matured on yeast lees with regular battonage for up to 14 months. The finest barriques were then identified and blended and the wine was aged for an additional 3 months on full lees in stainless steel tank before preparation for bottling."

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## Rated Excellent & 93/100 Cameron Douglas MS, April 2024 (2022 Vintage)

"Varietal, ripe, focused, pure fruited and fresh with a bouquet and palate filled with peach and ripe red apple flavours, there's plenty of vanilla and wood spice, nut and nectarine flavours to keep the palate busy. Medium+ acid line, fine tannins and a chalky mouthfeel overall. A touch of flint adds depth and complexity. Well made, youthful still with best drinking from late 2024 through 2029. Excellent value."

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Reviews for the 2021 vintage below...

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## 5 Stars & Top 5 Cuisine NZ Chardonnay Tasting, August 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Aromas of clean, pure stone fruits stream from the glass and through to the well-structured palate where the flavours of sweet peaches, grilled hazelnuts and cream sit nicely against well-handled oak. This is a fruit-forward expression displaying a fine acid line and a long, satisfying finish."

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## 5 Stars & 95/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, April 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Gorgeously elegant and complex, the wine shows apricot, rockmelon, vanillin oak and brioche characters on the nose, followed by a wonderfully weighted palate displaying excellent structure and persistency. It's refined and beautifully layered with textured mouthfeel, finishing impressively long and satisfying. At its best: now to 2033."

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## Rated Classic & 5 Stars Michael Cooper, June 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"The refined, vigorous 2021 vintage has a fragrant, slightly smoky bouquet. Bright, light lemon/green, it is mouthfilling and sweet-fruited, with rich stonefruit flavours, mealy and yeasty notes adding excellent complexity, lively acidity and a savoury, long finish. Best drinking 2025+."

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## Gold Medal & #2 - Dish Magazine Chardonnay Tasting, September 2024 (2021 Vintage)

"Prepare for a powerful, mouthfilling, sensationally showy wine with lifted aromatics, robust yet beautifully balanced oak, and a refreshing core of concentrated citrus characters. Smoky layers weave their way through the grapefruit and nectarine notes, leaving a lengthy, powerful finish. Luxuriously lovely."

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## 93/100 Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review (2021 Vintage)

"Harmonious wine that achieves an enviable balance between alcohol sweetness, sour acidity and subtle tannic bitterness. The net effect makes the wine come alive. Vibrant chardonnay with high energy."

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## CONTACT VINO FINO

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## OPEN HOURS

10am to 6pm - Monday to Friday  
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*Closed Public Holidays*

## VISIT VINO FINO

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