



WINDRUSH ORGANIC EMPIRE CHARDONNAY MARLBOROUGH 2021

WHO ARE WE?

Callum & Sarah Linklater, second generation organic producers. We grow chardonnay, pinot noir & sauvignon blanc on family-owned certified organic vineyards.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

In 2016 we planted a very small vineyard (722 vines) at Gee Street, Renwick. The unique thing about this vineyard is that it has been developed organically rather than converted once established. We planted three chardonnay clones, mainly 548 but a little 1066 & 121 which are quite rare in New Zealand.

THE VINTAGE

2021 was one out of the box. Wet and cold spring conditions affected flowering leading to smaller than normal bunches. A long Marlborough summer followed, leading to wines with great purity and concentration.

WINEMAKING

Whole bunch pressed with minimal Sulphur additions, cold settled then racked to two French oak barrels. One new, the other seasoned. Both barrels were left to ferment un-aided with indigenous yeasts. Once complete, light lees stirring & malolactic fermentation added complexity & depth of flavour. Bottled early, fresh, and vibrant... enjoy

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Aromas of Melon, lemon zest & crème brûlée.
Fresh palate of grapefruit, ripe melon, crisp apple & toasty almond on the finish.
Winemaker: Cullen Neal

Harvested: 23 March 2021

Bottled: 13 October 2021

Released: 10 June 2022

Alcohol 13.0% | pH 3.54 | TA 6.4g/L
RS: <1 | Total So2 92ppm

DRINK WITH

By itself... just yum! or maybe share it with some good friends.

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