2023 CARRICK
EBM Chardonnay

Bannockburn, Central Otago, NZ



The EBM Chardonnay is part of our Limited Release Range – rare, age-worthy wines crafted from exceptional parcels and vintages. EBM Chardonnay takes its name from its Extended Barrel Maturation – 18 months in French oak, bringing depth, structure, and layered complexity. A single-vineyard, single-clone expression from Mendoza Chardonnay planted on their own roots in 1994

Season Summary

Later budburst and a cool, humid spring increased disease pressure, with frost impacting some Chardonnay blocks and reducing fruit set. Warmer conditions through late December and January allowed ripening to recover, but frequent rain events from February onward, combined with cooler harvest conditions, created challenging picking windows, where careful fruit selection was key to quality.

Vineyard

Derived from the original 1994 plantings of Mendoza on the bottom terrace, they are sprawling vines, on their own roots, reflecting the early viticultural methods at Carrick and resulting in small, concentrated clusters of fruit. Harvested on the 31st Mar- 1st Apr 2023

Winemaking

Hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed, the wine was wild fermented in barrel and matured on gross lees in French barrique for 17 months before , it is drawn from the winemaker's finest barrels and then blending and bottling — a process that brings remarkable texture, complexity, and longevity to this expressive Chardonnay.

Tasting Note

"The 2023 EBM is powerful and poised, opening with aromas of vanilla, almond, grapefruit and fennel. These notes flow seamlessly onto the palate, wrapping around a bright, driving line of acidity. Layers of baked stonefruit, white blossom, mandarin and lemon peel gather and unfurl, lingering long on the finish. A wine of intensity and structure – one that will reward those willing to cellar it."
- Winemaker Rosie Menzies

Technical

Total Acidity: 6.4g/L, Residual Sugar: <1 g/L,
Alcohol: 14.0% abv
Clone: Mendoza
Vegan Friendly
Bottled: 6th November 2024
Cases: 284 x 6 bottle cases produced.

Recommendations

Cellaring Potential: 2024-2034

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