2024 CARRICK
Cairnmuir Terrace 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, bringing depth, structure, and layered complexity. A single-vineyard, single-clone expression from Mendoza Chardonnay planted on their own roots in 1994.

Season Summary

A frost-affected season that ultimately produced balanced, refined wines with impressive ripeness and finesse. A cool autumn slowed ripening and extended harvest, requiring patience to achieve optimal fruit maturity. The resulting wines show excellent balance, restraint, and purity — a refined expression of the vintage.

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 22nd–23rd of Mar 2024.

Winemaking

A barrel selection of the best barrels from the Mendoza Sprawling block, the EBM was matured on gross lees in French barrique for 10 months before 7 barrels were chosen from the winemaker's finest barrels and shaped by patience, texture, and time. These were blended and returned to barrel – a combination of 3 barriques and a demi-muid for a further 8 months maturation — a process that brings remarkable texture, complexity, and longevity to this expressive Chardonnay.

Tasting Note

"The 2024 EBM displays exceptional depth, clarity and balance. The nose is expressive, with aromas of grapefruit marmalade and candied lemon. On the palate, vibrant notes of orange peel, lemon zest and lime are layered with hints of marzipan, while subtle toasted walnut adds texture and complexity to a long finish."
- Winemaker Rosie Menzies

Technical

Total Acidity: 7.9 g/L, Residual Sugar: <1 g/L,
Alcohol: 14.5% abv
Clone: Mendoza
Vegan Friendly
Bottled: 12th November 2025
Cases: 354 x 6 bottle cases produced.

Recommendations

Cellaring Potential: Best from 2026 to 2046+
Pairing: Grilled snapper with beurre blanc

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