



2015 Elephant Hill Reserve Chardonnay

Elephant Hill is a family owned vineyard and winery estate specialising in premium, hand crafted wines. Our grapes are harvested from our own sustainably certified Estate vineyards in Hawke's Bay on the North Island of New Zealand.

The coastal Te Awanga vineyard has proven a special site for Chardonnay and the 2015 vintage gave us the quality of fruit to make and release a Reserve wine. These wines are only released if they measure up to our highest expectations of quality

The grapes (Clone 15 and Clone 95) were hand-picked on multiple passes at the end of March and early April. The majority clone 15 gives us great acidity and lovely citrus characters which in turn are good for ageing and give us the characters in the style we want.

The slow fermentation with indigenous yeast went through natural malo and elevage was in French oak (30% new) for a full 12 months with lees stirring early on. The wine was then transferred from barrel to tank and left on light lees for another 5 months to develop richness, texture and flavour. There was very minimal fining and filtration.

Exceptional fruit purity, concentration and complexity are the hallmarks of this wine. The result is a concentrated, rich Chardonnay with good length, weight and texture showing nutty and citrus characters.

Wine analysis

Alcohol Content (%v/v)	13.5
TA	7.1
Residual Sugar (g/L)	< 1



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