

Isabel Estate Wild Barrique Chardonnay 2022

Range Story

Collector of accolades and glowing reviews, Isabel Estate Wild Barrique Chardonnay is highly talked about and admired. It is granted extended time on lees, with rich and luxurious flavours and texture, showcasing another feather in the winemaking cap.

Variety/Vineyard

Chardonnay, Clones: Mendoza

Vintage

2022

Tasting Notes

Subtle citrus, white peach and nectarine emerge from a complex array of gun flint and mealy notes. The palate is seamless, showing poise and restraint amidst a tightly woven French oak backbone. This single vineyard wine sings of site and vine age and delivers a stylish Chardonnay of subtlety and elegance.

VITICULTURE:

This wine is crafted from some of the oldest vines on the estate, our Mendoza clone Chardonnay. The vines are 30+ years old and are naturally low yielding, also an attribute of the clone. This gives us fruit with great concentration and acidity. Canopy management throughout the growing season ensures the right amount of exposure of fruit to allow airflow through the canopy but avoid any sunburn to the fruit. Close vine planted at 4500 vines per hectare.

Winemaker

Jeremy McKenzie

Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was picked over 5 days, as flavour development reached optimal levels. The grapes were hand picked in the cool of the morning and whole bunch pressed in the afternoon. The juice was settled overnight to remove heavy solids before being transferred to barrels the following day for natural fermentation. Predominantly fermented in 500L puncheons with 30% new french oak. The wine spent a year in barrel where it underwent malolactic fermentation and extended time on lees before being blended in tank and aged for a further 5 months prior to bottling.

Cellaring Potential

Drink now - 10 years

Serving Suggestions

Serve with freshly shucked oysters or lobster in a rich, garlic butter sauce.

Wine Analysis

13.6% alcohol

6.0 pH

2.36 g/L total sugars

Accolades

Gold Medal - Marlborough Wine Show 2023.

Top Gold - National Wine Awards of Aotearoa NZ 2023.

Top Gold Chardonnay of the year - London Wine Competition 2025

95 Points - Halliday Wine Companion

93 Points - James Suckling

