

# Isabel Estate Single Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

## Range Story

The Isabel Estate Single Vineyard range represents a distinctive expression of each season from our beloved Wairau Valley home in the Marlborough region. Sourced exclusively from our estate and with a commitment to sustainable viticulture, we craft wines of precision with unique character, complexity and elegance.

## Variety/Vineyard

Chardonnay Clones: Mendoza, 95 and 548 | Isabel Estate Blocks 1, 4, 5 & 6

## Vintage

2023

## Tasting Notes

These wines benefit from a sustainable viticulture and winemaking approach and epitomise the region's reputation for world-class and award-winning wines. This Chardonnay is a wine of elegance, complexity, depth and class. Characters of white nectarine complemented by intriguing gun smoke and flint, vanilla bean and French oak toastiness will delight even the fussiest of Chardonnay devotees.

## VITICULTURE:

The 2023 vintage yielded less fruit but of exceptional quality and concentration. With careful canopy management and consistently warm, dry conditions, we harvested perfectly ripened grapes, resulting in rich, intense flavors.

## Winemaking

Picking commenced with some of our younger vine fruit and was completed with the picking of our old vine Mendoza clone fruit. Each clone being picked at optimal ripeness, while also maintaining good acidity. All fruit was whole bunch pressed and settled in tank overnight before being transferred to a mixture of barrels and puncheons for 100% wild fermentation. The wine was left to age in barrel and undergo 100% malolactic fermentation. After 11 months in barrel the wine was blended in tank where it aged on lees for a further five months before being filtered and bottled.

## Cellaring Potential

Although enjoyable when young, this wine will continue to harmonize and evolve over the next 3 to 10 years from its vintage.

## Serving Suggestions

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

## Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.23

TA: 6.7 g/L

**Winemaker** Jeremy McKenzie

## Accolades

Trophy - National Wine Awards of Aotearoa New Zealand 2024

Gold Medal - NZ International Wine Show 2024

92 Pts - Wine Advocate (Erin Larkin)

