

Chardonnay — 2018

COLLECTION

Collection wines: perfectly balanced fresh and elegant, with delicious drinkability.

VINEYARDS

Clone 15 and Mendoza Chardonnay grapes were picked from our estate vineyard. All vines are cane pruned, with bud reduction, shoot thinning and second set removal performed as required. The warm and dry 2018 vintage gave us the opportunity to pick this variety showing exceptional flavour and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKING

The close proximity of the winery and vineyard allows for constant monitoring of the crop and the ability to harvest quickly when the time is right. Made from a combination of machine and hand harvested fruit that is pressed quickly with minimal winemaking intervention. Once clear, the juice is racked off a combination of selected and wild yeast is used for fermentation. Malolactic fermentation (MLF) is encouraged and adds texture and flavour which is balanced by fresh natural acidity from the grapes.

TASTING NOTE

Golden hued with a touch of lemon yellow, reflective of the warmer vintage. The bouquet abounds with appealing toasted oak influences, pure ripely scented citrus and crunchy peach characters. Embellished with layers of flavour from extended time on yeast lees and creaminess from full MLF all wrapped around a smooth textural mid palate, with a crisp lingering finish. Generous and flavoursome but with balance and grace.

Will accompany your seafood, white meats, and salads perfectly.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.44
Total acidity	6.0 g/l
Alcohol	13%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l

ABOUT ALPHA DOMUS

From our origins in 1989, establishing both vineyard and winery, Alpha Domus was a pioneer in the renowned Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District of Hawke's Bay. New Zealand family owned, we have always been inspired to create beautiful wines of worth; the importance of quality and expert craftsmanship paramount. Alpha is derived from the first initials of the founding family members names in age descending order, Anthonius, Leonarda, Paulus, Henrikus and Anthonius, Domus is Latin for home.

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