

The Skybolt Chardonnay — 2021

RESERVE

The lithe Skybolt is a captivating combination; it's a biplane with an open cockpit and wooden wings, built for aerobatics. Equally captivating the Skybolt Chardonnay is an elegant style with fruit richness, seductive oak and a succulent palate that is rounded and creamy.

VINEYARDS

The grapes were hand harvested from our Clone 15 Chardonnay blocks. Cropping levels were kept to a maximum of 10 tonnes/ha. The different blocks were hand harvested at optimum ripeness, determined both by analysis as well as flavour. This clone has been specially selected for its generous fruit character, palate weight and richness.

WINEMAKING

A combination of free run juice predominantly from our original plantings of Clone 15, with a small amount of younger Clone 15. All batches were hand harvested, pressed, and fermented separately in a mixture of French oak barriques and puncheons. Selected yeasts and indigenous fermentation add complexity to the wine. Lees stirring in barrel took place for 11 months to increase palate weight and roundness. The wine was racked from barrel using inert gas to make a blend in tank prior to being stabilised and filtered for bottling.

TASTING NOTE

The wine offers lovely fruit purity together with silky texture and generosity, making it highly enjoyable. This ripe Chardonnay shows peach and citrus, floral aromas coupled with toasted grains, caramel and spice from French oak. Stonefruit and biscuit flavours are balanced by a long citrus finish with hints of toffee and caramel. A powerful wine that is vibrant in youth but will develop extra layers of complexity and roundness with bottle ageing. Ideal to enjoy on its own or a perfect complement to seafood, white meats and risotto.

A vegan and in transition organic wine.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

pH	3.30
Total acidity	6.1 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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