

The Skybolt Chardonnay — 2022

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

We have had a long relationship with the grower of this Clone 548 Chardonnay from the Matawhero sub district of Gisborne. After a light set in our HB Chardonnay crop we were lucky to secure a parcel of fruit to make this Skybolt Chardonnay. The vines are dry farmed which gives a naturally low yield. The grapes were harvested in pristine condition and with ideal analysis to match the style of the Skybolt

WINEMAKING

The fruit was brought down to the Alpha Domus winery for pressing. After a brief cold settle, the clear juice was racked off to a mix of different French oak barriques, hogsheads and puncheons. Some barrels were fermented using temperature control and others allowed to ferment at ambient for increased mouthfeel. Lees stirring in barrel took place for 10 months to increase complexity 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 Skybolt Chardonnay is an elegant style with fruit richness, seductive oak and a succulent palate that is rounded and creamy. The wine offers lovely fruit purity together with silky texture and generosity, making it highly enjoyable. This ripe Chardonnay shows peach and tropical aromas coupled with toasted grains, caramel and spice from French oak barrels. Orange blossom and biscuit flavours are balanced by a long citrus finish with hints of toffee and caramel. A powerful wine that is vibrantly fresh 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.

Vegan.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

pH	3.46
Total acidity	5.9 g/l
Alcohol	12.5 %
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, 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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