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DOUBLE HAPPY CHARDONNAY VIOGNIER HAWKE'S BAY 2018

A Chardonnay Viognier blend is something we reckon should be world-famous, given time maybe it will be. The Old World homes of these wines are Burgundy and the Northern Rhone, with a history of popes, kings and generations of artisan producers fine tuning their viticulture at the same time as surviving wars and pestilence. There are some clear similarities between the great reds, Pinot Noir and Syrah...why not the whites?

VINEYARD

The 2018 growing season in Hawke's Bay was hot and dry allowing the grapes to ripen and develop lovely richness and perfume.

The Chardonnay was grown in our Maraekakaho vineyard. Planted on an ancient river terrace formed by the Ngaruroro River which now flows around 60 metres below the vineyard. The remaining terraces are made up of greywacke rocks and gravels and a topsoil borne of windblown loess. The Viognier comes from down river at our Bridge Pa vineyard. Planted on an old riverbed last flooded around 50,000 years ago, it has a shallow topsoil over free draining red gravels.

WINERY

Grapes were hand picked then whole bunch pressed and run to French barrels for a wild ferment before being aged for six months. The wine was taken from barrel off gross lees and blended to tank, then lightly filtered and bottled.

TASTE

The result is a wine with the toasty, mineral flintiness of our tried and true Hawke's Bay Chardonnay, spiced up a smidge with the more exotic apricot, loquat and honeysuckle of Viognier.

Trust me it's a little cracker.

Alcohol: 13.0%

Standard Drinks: 7.7 standard drinks

Allergens: Contains Sulphites. Traditionally fined with egg, traces may remain



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