

SACRED HILL



CHARDONNAY 2009

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Aromas of ripe stonefruit mingle with subtle spicy oak nuances. The palate is fresh vibrant and full of ripe tropical fruits. The oak is well integrated and fine supporting the abundant fruit characters.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Vintage 2009 will be regarded in the future as one of Hawke's Bays most outstanding vintages in the last decade or quite possibly longer. Following a warm and dry spring with good flowering weather, we moved into a very hot dry period in January and February, followed by a brilliant autumn extending into late March and April. This allowed us to ripen fruit to the exact point we desired, without pressure from any significant rain events, a luxury not often afforded and very much enjoyed! Riflemans Chardonnay is a classic, and the reds from our Gimblett gravels vineyards are absolutely exceptional!

VINIFICATION

Premium chardonnay clones were gently harvested and pressed. Fermentation with French oak has enhanced the wines complexity and power.

VITICULTURAL DETAIL

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Chardonnay
APPEARANCE	Pale straw	STYLE	Full bodied dry white
SERVE	Lightly chilled	CELLARING	1-3years
RS	<1/L	ALCOHOL	13.0%
PH	3.57	TA	6.1g/L


