

SACRED HILL



Riflemans CHARDONNAY 2004



WINEMAKERS NOTE

Lifted citrus blossom aroma with peach and mandarin characters. A very full rich limey citrus palate, powerful yet elegant, with a biscuity texture showing a hint of oiliness. The palate builds to a crescendo on the finish, with a beautiful tight structure, mineral finish and incredible length.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

An exceptional vintage for Hawkes Bay. A warm consistent summer was followed by a warm and dry autumn. Outstanding conditions prevailed for making premium wines.

VINIFICATION

Hand picked grapes were whole bunch pressed to new and one year old French oak barriques. Natural fermentation was employed with a partial malo-lactic fermentation. Aged with lees stirring for 12 months.

VITICULTURAL DETAIL

This is a Single Vineyard wine from old own-rooted Mendoza Chardonnay vines. These vines are naturally low yielding, and coupled with intensive hand work on the canopy, we achieve tremendous concentration of fruit flavours. The vineyard is uniquely situated on an elevated river terrace with 5 metres of free draining red metal soil. The grapes are hand harvested with careful selection in the vineyard.

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Chardonnay
APPEARANCE	Pale straw with green highlights	STYLE	Full bodied dry white
SERVE	Lightly chilled	CELLARING	5-10 years
RS	<2 g/L	ALCOHOL	14.0%
PH	3.4	TA	6.7 g/L

PACKAGING INFO

Bottle barcode	9416623510146	Carton Barcode	29416623510140
Verification #	NZ58830	Verification #	NZ59237
Packaging	6 x 750ml bottles		

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