



**CROSSROADS**  
HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND

*Milestone Series*

## MILESTONE SERIES HAWKE'S BAY CHARDONNAY 2015

For over 20 years, Crossroads has represented the very best of small parcel winemaking.

The Crossroads Milestone Series celebrates our dedication from the vineyard to the winery – creating benchmark wines from Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

**Winemaking:** Miles Dinneen

**Viticulture:** Bryon Strachan

**Harvested:** 15<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

**Vineyards:** Hawke's Bay

**Oak:** Fermented and aged in older French barriques and in stainless steel tanks.

**Alc/vol:** 13.0%

**RS:** 0.7g/l, Dry

**pH:** 3.39

**TA:** 6.16g/l

### VITICULTURE

2015 was another great vintage in Hawkes Bay with warm days and cool nights through the growing season, fantastic conditions for growing flavoursome grapes. The main components of this wine were sourced from our inland Kereru Road vineyard at Mangatahi, which consistently gives ripe fruit with small intensely flavoured berries. Smaller parcels from vineyards in Crownthorpe, Korokipo and Clive gave fleshiness and flavour diversity. The vines are trained to VSP and underwent intensive canopy management and fruit thinning to deliver beautifully ripe fruit.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruit was harvested and pressed directly into barrels and tanks where fermentation occurred using a mixture of indigenous and inoculated yeasts. The wine remained on lees with regular stirring throughout the winter to build texture. A portion of the wine went through malolactic fermentation to soften the texture of the palate. After 7 months aging we assembled the blend in tank and prepared for bottling.

The result is a complex chardonnay with citrus blossom, fresh toast and a hint of gun smoke on the nose. The palate is richly textured with flavours of peach, nectarine, lemon and toasty oak, leading to a long fresh finish.

### WINE AND FOOD

Food Match: Roast chicken with garlic and kale, or with grilled pork loin and creamy mushroom sauce.



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