



CROSSROADS
HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND



WINEMAKERS COLLECTION CHARDONNAY 2012

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

Our Winemakers Collection includes the very best parcels of fruit, carefully selected from our own vineyards, crafted with passion into the most exceptional wines Hawke's Bay has to offer.

Winemaking: Miles Dinneen
Viticulture: Bryon Strachan
Harvested: March 2012
Vineyard: Kereru Rd
Oak: Aged in French barriques
Alc/vol: 13.5%
RS: < 2g/l
pH: 3.52
TA: 5.85 g/l

VITICULTURE

2012 was a cooler temperate vintage in Hawke's Bay producing a small crop of intensely flavoured fruit. This single vineyard wine was sourced from the sunny free draining terraces of our inland Kereru Road vineyard at Mangatahi. We have identified some special rows of Mendoza clone chardonnay on terrace two which consistently gives small intensely flavoured berries. The vines are trained to VSP and underwent intensive canopy management and fruit thinning to deliver ripe fruit. This allowed us to hang the fruit out in a cool season to achieve excellent ripeness.

WINEMAKING COMMENTS

The fruit was hand harvested and pressed directly into barrels where fermentation occurred using a mixture of indigenous and inoculated yeasts. The wine remained in barrel on lees with regular stirring throughout the winter. After nine months aging we assembled the blend and prepared for bottling.

WINE AND FOOD

A complex chardonnay with citrus blossom, fresh toast and a hint of gun smoke on the nose. The palate is rich and fresh with flavours of nectarine, lemon and subtle toasty oak.

Excellent served with pan fried fish served with potato rosti and green garden salad.

