



BUTTERWORTH

Butterworth Te Muna Chardonnay 2022

Terroir: The soils of Te Muna Terraces are free-draining alluvial gravel, which are rich in minerals making it ideal for growing grapes. The climate is an extension of Martinborough and similar to Burgundy, being only slightly cooler due to higher altitude, but with long cool summers and low rainfall providing the optimum long ripening conditions for grapes.

Viticulture: This wine is sourced from two sites being Butterworth Estate's Julicher Te Muna Vineyard, six kilometres from the Martinborough township, and The Water Tank block at the head of the Te Muna Valley. The vines are tended by hand and are sustainably grown on two cane Vertical Shoot Positioning trellis system. 2022 was a challenging year for all varieties, with the Vineyard teams working to keep the fruit clean despite the disease pressure.

Winemaking: The perfect grapes were harvested, then pressed straight to barrel without settling. The juice was fermented in 500L Puncheons and 228L mature barriques. Once dry, the wine went through full Malolactic fermentation while receiving 4 lees stirs over 4 months. After sulphuring the wine sat in barrel for 16 months for maturing. The wine received no fining, and only a light filtration before bottling.

Colour: Bright light golden hue.

Aroma: Sweet lifted spicy vanilla bean oak jumps from the glass, with creamy buttery undertones. Lifted notes of pretty floral reduction and ripe, freshly picked, white peach and apricot.

Palate: Sixteen months on Gross Lees has given the Butterworth Chardonnay a rich mid palate texture, adding layers to the racy acid line Te Muna is famous for. The grip from the phenolics add length and breadth to the back palate, giving a chalky, oyster shell finish.

Harvest Analysis

Harvest date 21st and 26th March, 2022

Brix 21.6 pH 3.09 TA 10.57 g/L

Wine analysis:

Alc. 12.0 % pH 3.18 TA 7.73 g/L

Residual sugar <1 g/L

Oak Maturation: 100%, 27% new oak.

Bottling date: 23rd November, 2023

Allergens: Contains Sulphites. Vegan & vegetarian friendly.

