

'HOUSE OF ASHWOOD' METHODE TRADITIONELLE BLANC DE BLANCS GISBORNE 2014

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS & TASTING NOTES

Winemaker: Steve Voysey



MATURITY ANALYSIS AT HARVEST

Hand harvested 21st & 23rd February 2014

BRIX: 21.5

WINE ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL: 13.2 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 8 g/L

TA: 7.95 g/L

ROOTSTOCK SELECTION

67% LeaderBrand CHDK Mendosa clone

33% Spade Oak CHDR Rua 1 clone.

SOIL TYPE

Markaraka clay loams. Non-irrigated.

WINE GROWING

Owned and managed vineyards, central valley Gisborne. Cane pruned, vertical shoot positioned, trellised vineyards. Root stocks all low vigour raparis; Schwartzman.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay.
- Whole bunch pressed at 550 L/T extraction.
- Zero maceration in press. Free run and light to separate tanks. Free run cold settled with fining agents; skim milk, and polybent. LP lost to table wine.
- Each day's harvest separately fermented. Fermentation 10-15 days at 18-22°C, pDm yeast.
- 100% completed malolactic fermentation.
- Fermented in 2500 litre oak cuve and small amount in stainless steel tank.
- 2800 litres made
- Bottled after 8 months on primary lees and first release of 800 bottles had 12 months on Tirage lees.

AROMA AND PALATE

Style: A bright and complex aperitif styled vintage Blanc de Blancs.

Appearance: Pale lime coloured, with fine and persistent bead, resulting in effervescent flowers on the surface and circumference of the glass.

Aroma: White peach, lemon curd and toasted bread with fresh yeast lift.

Palate: Soft creamy bubbles with refreshing lemony acidity balanced with white stone-fruit and rock-melon flavours. The finish is a mix of lemon and savoury yeastiness.

CELLARING AND FOOD MATCHING

Food match with grilled and raw white fish and shellfish, lightly smoked salmon, and oysters.

2014 is a great Gisborne Chardonnay vintage and this wine will continue to improve over the next 5 years.



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