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CENTRAL OTAGO

Judge and Jury Chardonnay 2023

winemakers comments:

The Judge & Jury chardonnay is grown on The Tiger, Viper and Mason Vineyards in the Lowburn and Parkburn regions of the Cromwell basin. A steep slope overlooking the Tiger vineyard in Lowburn produces the same aromatically spicy/floral profiles that we find in the Pinot Noir grown there, as well as similar persistence and very long-lived flavours. The Viper Vineyard in Parkburn grows intensely lemony and weighty Chardonnay, the palate length showing the rich mineral acid and saline notes typical of this vineyard. While the Mason Vineyard provides good fruit weight, texture, and depth of flavour to round out the palate.

wine description:

Rich aromas of ripe lemons and baked apples, white blossoms and nutty herbal notes. The palate is fleshy and alive with salty citrus and white fruits brought into focus with a savoury background of nut and dried herb. Detailed structure and length providing the frame and backbone.

harvest: 14th, 15th, 25th March 2023 Brix 20.5-22.3 pH 3.05-3.21 TA 7.9g/L-8.7g/L in bottle: pH: 3.33 TA: 6.0g/L Alc: 12.8%

