



CABLE BAY RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2021 Waiheke Island

Cable Bay Vineyards is dedicated to crafting exquisite wines known for their subtlety, elegance and depth. Taking an Old World approach and combining it with New World techniques, Cable Bay's opulent wines are a stylish reflection of the land where they began.

All of Cable Bay's vineyards are accredited with SWNZ (Sustainable Wine Growing New Zealand).

WINEMAKER	Ross Anderson
VARIETIES	100% Chardonnay
VINTAGE	2021
REGION	Waiheke Island
SINGLE VINEYARD	Estate Vineyard
ALCOHOL	13.0%
SWEETNESS	Dry
FERMENTATION/AGING	Wild fermented and matured in French oak for 17 months
CELLARING POTENTIAL	Drinking beautifully now, and enjoy for the next 15+ years

TASTING NOTE

There is just one barrel of this gem. Made from grapes grown on naturally low yielding, 22 year old vines, this wine has tension and complexity, with white peach, finger lime, toasted brioche and white floral aromatics complementing a focused palate. Fine phenolic texture and minerally acidity add depth and length respectively. It has incredibly good length and drive, defined by the salinity from the ocean. The oak is well integrated and elegant, while supporting the structure of the wine. This wine has real presence, and is built to age.

VINEYARDS

This wine is from predominantly Burgundian clone 95 Chardonnay vines grown on a single vineyard site in our estate owned Waiheke Island vineyard. We are located on the sun-drenched, western side of the island, facing Rangitoto Volcano. Our Estate Vineyard has mineralised clay soils over Jurassic era rock. Typically, this type of geology and soil will provide wines with great mid-palate weight and minerality. Our viticulture is meticulous, with the aim of balanced, healthy vines, which bear beautifully ripe grapes with intense concentration of natural Chardonnay characteristics. Harvesting perfect fruit is our first priority.

WINEMAKING

Our Reserve wines are only made in the very best of vintages, and in limited quantities. The ripe fruit was hand-harvested early in the morning whilst the grapes were nice and cool, transported across the road to the winery, and immediately whole bunch pressed. It was then pressed directly to a puncheon, leaving textural Chardonnay juice to enter wild yeast fermentation. Only partial malolactic fermentation on this wine, to preserve the natural acidity of our warmer sub-tropical climate. Following barrel ferment, the wine aged in oak (30% new) on full lees for 18 months before assemblage and bottling.