

# Ribbon Vale Chardonnay

2021



## 96 POINTS

**Cameron Douglas MS | [camerondouglasms.com](http://camerondouglasms.com)**

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*An alluring bouquet of silky textured yellow and white fleshed fruits, raw cashew nut, fine lees complexity, baked apple and a mineral core suggesting sea-shells and salty air. Youthful and complex, alluring and familiar. On the palate - fantastic; flavours of citrus and stone fruit then nut and baked fruits, mineral and wood flavours of vanilla and raw sugar. Tannins, acidity and oak work in harmony to deliver the foundation and frame for the fruit and continues bottled development. A complex and delicious wine that is great for drinking today, but likely at its best from late 2023 through 2030.*

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**Ken Gargett | [winepilot.com](http://winepilot.com)**

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*This is the first release of a Chardonnay under Moss Wood's Ribbon Vale label and much was expected, given the quality of the MW Chardy. As a vintage, the MW team have compared 2021 to the 1989 harvest, for those with long memories. The Mufords had made Chardonnays from this vineyard in 2000 and 2001, but they were not released as they did not reach their standards. So the vines were removed and replaced – gasp, shock, horror – with Sauvignon Blanc. Planting trees to eventually form a wind break has assisted the fruit, although yields certainly still fall short of what can be achieved with Savvy. Nonetheless, it has returned to the vineyard. The grapes are made in the same manner as for the MW Chardonnay. Bunches go into the presses with the must and then to stainless steel for 24 hours settling. Racked to a second tank, partial fermentation and then transferred to French oak barrels, 25% new, to complete that ferment. An alluring nose of peaches, stonefruits and gunflint. There is some early complexity, but very good oak integration. Spices, a hint of nuts and a little whiff of orange rind. A supple and silky texture with a flick of acidity and length, this is a chardonnay which is clean, full of flavour and interest. Drink now and for the next six years.*