

FAMILY ESTATES:

Headwaters Organic Chardonnay 2022



Babich developed the first vineyard to achieve sustainable registration in New Zealand. With our ongoing commitment to protect the environment through only implementing sustainable practices in all our vineyards, it was a logical progression to move to the next step and investigate the benefits of an organic approach to viticulture.

INFORMATION

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Grape Varieties	Chardonnay
Region	Marlborough
Sub region	Wairau Valley
Vineyard/s	Headwaters
Clonal Selection	15
Harvest method	Machine, destemmed at harvest
Harvest date	25rd March
Harvest Analysis	21.9 °Brix; pH 3.31; TA 8.5 g/L
Processing	Grapes were quickly crushed, destemmed and pressed. Juice settled for 12 hours.
Fermentation vessel	43% barrique, 57% stainless steel tank
Fermentation	Both barrels and tanks fermented with wild yeast and temperature peaking @ 23.5°C.
Malolactic	28%
Maturation	9.5 months in oak barrels.
Fining	Yeast hulls
Filtration	Yes







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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.0%
TA	5.8 g/L
рН	3.36
Residual sugar	0.6 g/L

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose

Cashew, lemon curd and rock-melon. Touch of wood smoke.

Palate

Stone fruits, (nectarine/ apricot), with apple and melon, complex sweet hay-like aroma and a subtle cedar note. Lingering warm and spicy. Intense and opulent.

Recommended food

Would go well with poultry or fish.

First vintage	2014
Serving Temperature	14-16C

AWARDS



