

Escaroth Vineyard Chardonnay

2021



5 STARS & 96 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | The Real Review

September 2022 *Taut, intense and complex chardonnay with nectarine, ripe peach, mineral/oyster shell, nutty yeast lees and subtle spicy oak flavours. Very appealing now but with a promising future. Clearly a great vintage.*

94 POINTS

James Suckling | jameessuckling.com

October 2022 *This has a delicious array of passion fruit, grilled apricots, guava, toasted nuts and rosemary. Sea shells and matchstick, too. It's full-bodied with a concentrated, flavorful and toasty palate. Tight phenolic structure, too. Lots going on. Sustainable. Drink or hold. Screw cap.*

95 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

October 2022 *Fabulous bouquet with a range of scents from youthful, fresh, some new wood energy and spice with a core of fruit, to a sense of place with warm silty soils and whisps of salty air. Complex. On the palate a full-bodied wine with a satin touch, flavours of white nectarine and ripe grapefruit flesh, apples and a leesy mineral complexity. Great acid line and, judicious use of oak and core of fruit. Wood spice and tannins layer in mouthfeel, some tension and plenty of length. A lovely wine with best drinking from mid to late 2023 through 2029.*

95 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb MW | New Zealand Whites: The Great Divide

January 2023 *The 2021 Chardonnay Escaroth Vineyard is all compact power. It's overtly savory, exuding smoky bacon and toast alongside Chardonnay's whitestoned fruit. This forceful style hails from a hillside vineyard planted on clay loams. In the winery, it's whole-bunch pressed, and there's a high solids fermentation in puncheons before being left on lees for around 11 months with no stirring. The combination makes for a savory and textural New Zealand Chardonnay with concentration and firmness.*