

Reed Chardonnay

2019



95 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous Media

November 2020 *A finely poised yet powerful Chardonnay that has just the right amount of reductive flint character, adding a layer of complexity to this savory, stylish wine. Wild fermentation in oak puncheons followed by an extended period on lees has resulted in rounded edges while adding smoky and nutty flavors. It has lovely sinew on the long finish.*

94 POINTS

Nick Stock | JameSuckling.com

November 2020 *Quite complex aromas of pear, white peach and flint, as well as grapefruit peel and a wet-stone edge. The palate has a very concentrated, composed and layered feel with ripe peach and grapefruit and hazelnut to close. Drink or hold. Screw cap.*

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Michael Cooper | michaelcooperwines.com

August 2020 *Slightly more extroverted at this stage than its Escaroth stablemate, the classy 2019 vintage (5*) is a single-vineyard, Waihopai Valley wine, hand-picked and fermented with indigenous yeasts in French oak puncheons (40 per cent new). Bright, light lemon/green, it is mouthfilling and savoury, with concentrated, citrusy, peachy flavours, finely integrated oak and impressive complexity. A powerful, distinctive wine with obvious potential, it's best cellared to 2022+.*

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Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

May 2020 *Sophisticated and complex bouquet of Chardonnay with aromas of gun-flint and oak spices, moments of lemon and grapefruit then yellow fleshed orchard fruit. The second and third sniffs reveal a mineral, stone and textured complexity. The bouquet overall is very youthful and vibrant with the messages of oak strong. On the palate - equally expressive, youthful and complex. Flavours reflect the nose with citrus then oak. Fine wood tannins with a smoky edge, medium+ acidity and palate trill. While this wine is very young it has fantastic potential that Chardonnay fans should invest in and and cellar some bottles. Best drinking from early 2022 through 2026+*

91 POINTS

Robert Parker | Wine Advocate

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Joe Czerwinski | winemag.com

April 2021

Fermented in 40% new French oak puncheons, the 2019 Reed Chardonnay is strongly marked by the process and subsequent 14-month élevage, with scents of toasted grain and nuts prominent on the nose. In the mouth, the wine is medium to full-bodied, with its lemony fruit character doing a fine job supporting the wood-derived notes. There's a sense of creamy generosity leading into a harmonious, refreshing finish that deftly marries elements of oak and fruit.

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Jane McQuitty | Sunday Times UK

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The best example I have tasted of late is Matt Thomson's 2019 Blank Canvas "Reed" Chardonnay from Marlborough.

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Huon Hooke | huonhooke.com

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