

# Reed Vineyard Chardonnay

2020



95 POINTS

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

July 2021

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5 STARS

Michael Cooper | Michael Cooper's Buyers Guide

July 2021

*This notably classy, single-vineyard wine was hand-harvested in the Waihopai Valley, fermented and matured in French oak puncheons (partly new), and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Richly fragrant, it is mouthfilling, complex and generous, with deep peach and grapefruit flavours, finely integrated oak, and a tightly structured, long, seamless finish. Best drinking 2023+.*

93 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | [bobcampbell.nz](http://bobcampbell.nz)

June 2021

*Intense, edgy chardonnay, which combines moderately opulent tree fruit, peach and nectarine flavours with taut citrus characters and a pronounced oyster-shell influence. Youthful and slightly raw at this stage but with the potential to mellow with bottle age.*

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Michael Cooper | Listener Magazine

August 2021

*It's not cheap, but this exceptional wine offers top value. Richly fragrant, it is mouthfilling, complex and generous, with deep peach and grapefruit flavours, finely integrated oak and a long, tight, seamless finish. Classy stuff.*

93 POINTS &amp; TOP 100 NEW ZEALAND WINES 2021

James Suckling | [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com)

August 2021

*Aromas of dried mango, lime curd, coriander, honeysuckle and salted butter with some meaty and smoky undertones. Full-bodied with tangy acidity. Concentrated and rich, yet well structured, with a bright backbone of acidity and phenolic texture.*

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## 18/20 POINTS & #1 NZ CHARDONNAY 2020

**Julia Harding MW | jancisrobinson.com**

January 2022

*Seductive and well-judged 'reductive' (smoky, struck-match) aroma and really toasty as it opens up, something cedary. Very Coche Dury but, most importantly, there is the fruit intensity to carry off this winemaking style. Nutty, creamy, mealy citrus. So many things going on that it makes you slow down to try to enjoy all this complexity. Deep, deliciously fresh and incredibly persistent with an aftertaste of savoury/mineral citrus. Worth every penny of its NZ price. Classy and got better and better over the few days post opening.*

## 94 POINTS

**Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous**

March 2022

*The 2020 Chardonnay Reed Vineyard is fermented in barrels, of which 40% are new. The wine is then left alone with just the occasional top-up. Winemakers Matt and Sophie Thomson call it "lazy winemaking" with tongues firmly in cheek. The result is a wine of excellence purity, offering up nectarine and lemon fruit flavors; full solids have imbued a distinctive flinty note, while the savoury, nutty character derived from the wood adds layers and will integrate further with another year in bottle.*

## 95 POINTS & TOP 2020 NEW ZEALAND CHARDONNAY

**Cameron Douglas | decanter.com**

April 2022

*Captivating aromas of stone fruits and sweet citrus, a savoury spice and flinty complexity, oak adding layers of spice and woodsmoke. Power, finesse, layers texture and a core of fresh and baked stone fruits, grapefruit, baked apple and baking spices. Drink 2022-2028.*

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**Cameron Douglas | MINDFOOD**

April 2022

*I tasted this wine on my MiNDFOOD FB live session on Friday July 2nd - and again Saturday July 3rd. What an excellent example with immediately captivating aromas of stone fruits and sweet citrus, a leesy savoury spice and stony flinty complexity. The oak adds layers of spice and some wood smoke. The bouquet is complex, layered and enticing. On the palate - plenty of weight and richness, but not so much as to detract from the essence of what Chardonnay is all about - in this case - power, finesse, layers of texture and a core of fruit reflecting fresh and baked stone fruits, grapefruit, baked apple and baking spices of French oak. Excellent texture and length, well made and ready to drink from 2022 through 2028.*