

EBM Chardonnay

2019



19/20 POINTS

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This outstanding Chardonnay from Central Otago is one of my top picks of the year, thanks to great grapes (organically certified) and outstanding winemaking philosophy with fruit crispness and tangy succulent notes to the forefront of every juicy sip. Grapes grown on the organically certified Cairnmuir Terraces vineyard were hand picked and the wine is characterised by barrel fermentation, although not in flavour so much as body, texture and savoury notes. The wine spent 18 months aging in French oak, 8% new – a judicious amount that really allows the wine to shine rather than the winemaking.

95 POINTS

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I tasted this wine over three days - reason being it has as a closed bouquet when first opened and is taut on the palate (day 1). Day 2 the wine begins to reveal some of its key aromas and textures with citrus and apple, a core of mineral and fine textured mouth feel. Day 3 and the wine is ready with a refined and elegant bouquet palate, fine silk texture with a core of citrus. Tree fruits, white fleshed orchard fruits, a hint of flint and floral highlights, layers of stone and mineral surrounded by fruit and lees qualities. Even though the wine has spent 18 months in French oak the flavours and textures overall represent fruit and place before oak spices and fine chalky tannin texture. Great drinking from 2023 through 2030.