



BENDIGO SINGLE VINEYARD  
**CHINA TERRACE**  
2022 CHARDONNAY



*A pure and harmonious chardonnay from Bendigo, Central Otago.*



### SINGLE VINEYARD

Drawing from Gibbston Valley's most intriguing vineyards, the Single Vineyard range gives full voice to site.

### 2022 BENDIGO GROWING SEASON

After an early October budburst, the vines pushed through some particularly cold early spring nights. Ample sunshine hours and rain helped establish even canopies and bunch sizes through settled November and December; with higher bunch and berry numbers than normal. It was another year for looking after canopies carefully; January 2022 was hot and dry; and whilst February brought cooler conditions. March was warm and dry; harvest came on time, with balanced acid levels in all varieties.

### VINEYARD

Planted in 2001, the China Terrace Vineyard is located in the Bendigo subregion. Gently sloped and north facing, it has 4 clones of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay planted over some 7 hectares. Being over 320m, it retains a coolness relative to Bendigo's natural warmth. This, and the complex accumulation of loess, clay and schist in its soil, gives wines of fresh, bright complexity.

### WINEMAKING DETAILS

The China Terrace vineyard delivers remarkably pure Chardonnay year upon year. Our philosophy is to encourage even ripening of bunches, opening up the morning side of the vine completely; and allowing dappled exposure on the afternoon side. We pick early enough to promote fruit flavours in the citrus / peach / mineral spectrum. After hand picking, the fruit is very gently pressed to a yield of 550L/tonne and sent to barrel for fermentation. Both primary fermentation and MLF (100%) are indigenous. The wine spends 11 months in barriques and puncheons; with 20% new oak being used (it loves Damy, Alliers, M+).

### AROMA AND PALATE

Pale bright straw gold. White flowers on the nose, typical of Bendigo Chardonnay. On the palate, sweet pure chardonnay is offset by a saline thread.

### CELLARING

With its clean, fresh structure, the China Terrace Chardonnay will benefit from five years in the cellar, and will cellar comfortably for 10 years.

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### HARVEST DETAILS

#### CLONE

B95 and 2-23

#### VINEYARD

China Terrace, 320m

#### SOIL

A mix of loess, clay and subsoil schist

#### HARVEST DATE

26/03/2021

#### BRIX

23.5

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

7.6 g/l

#### PH

3.16

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### WINE ANALYSIS

#### ALCOHOL

14.0%

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

N/A

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5.7 g/l

#### PH

3.46

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