

# Chardonnay

2021

MAIN DIVIDE  
by the Donaldson Family



## 93 POINTS

**Cameron Douglas MS | camerondouglasms.com**

April 2022

*Aromas and flavours of fresh citrus flesh and stone fruit, there's a floral, apple blossom and mineral complexity and moderate intensity of oak. Fantastic texture on the palate with acidity and fine fruit and wood tannins layering in poise and structure. Youthful, refreshing and dry on the finish with core flavours that reflect the bouquet. Best drinking from mid to late 2022 through 2026.*

## 17.5/20 POINTS

**Joelle Thomson | Wine Writer**

February 2022

*Rich and flavoursome Chardonnay with enormous depth of flavour balanced by a smooth body and crisp acidity which adds a long finish with juicy notes in abundance.*

## 91 POINTS

**Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz**

April 2022

*Attractively fruited and lifted, the bouquet shows crunchy apple, grapefruit, fig and roasted nut characters with a lovely flinty overtone. It's flavoursome and generously weighted in the mouth offering complexity and textured mouthfeel well supported by bright acidity.*

## 17.5/20 POINTS

**Joelle Thomson | Drinksbiz**

July 2022

*This full-bodied, flavoursome and rich Chardonnay is made by the Pegasus Bay winemaking team using 100% North Canterbury grapes; a cool climate in a hot part of the wine world. The warm days and cool nights in this region provide ripe fruit flavours balanced by a great tension of acidity, which adds depth of flavour to every succulent, citrusy and creamy smooth sip. It is one of the best Chardonnays in the country and offers superlative value for money.*

## 4.5 STARS

**Micheal Cooper | michaelcooperwines.com**

March 2022

*The impressive, top value 2021 vintage was fermented and lees-aged in French oak barriques. Bright, light lemon/green, with a fragrant, slightly smoky bouquet, it is mouthfilling, with strong, vigorous, peachy, citrusy flavours, showing good complexity, and a lengthy finish.*

## VERY GOOD TO EXCELLENT

**Mark Henderson | Otago Daily Times**

July 2022

*Struck match notes lead, shifting to orange/mandarin zest, stonefruits and oak nuances. Ripe and richly fruited, underpinned by a cherry quality. Bold, spicy, there's a lot of drinking pleasure to be had here, yet there's a chewiness to the texture that will add to the food friendliness as well. A tanginess on the close adds a fresh touch to the finish.*

## 90 POINTS

**James Suckling | jamesuckling.com**

October 2022

*Reductive nose of burnt lemons, matches, grilled herbs and pineapples. Medium-bodied with tangy acidity. Tasty smoky notes.*