

Chardonnay

2022

MAIN DIVIDE

by the Donaldson Family



92 POINTS

James Suckling | [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com)

March 2023

This is very flinty with sliced lemons and apples. Raw ginger. Medium body, and a fresh finish. Reductive and stylish. Chablis-like.

92 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | [camdouglasms.com](https://www.camdouglasms.com)

April 2023

An impressive bouquet with a reductive gun-flinty quality, ripe, fresh and new too with aromas of apples and white peach, citrus peel and spice. Flavours on the palate mirror the bouquet with a satin texture, contrasting acid line and a nutty-biscuity quality. The gun-flint character is persistent adding a quality I enjoy in this example. Well made with best drinking from 2023 through 2027.

93 POINTS

Sam Kim | [wineorbit.co.nz](https://www.wineorbit.co.nz)

April 2023

Stylish and engaging, the complex bouquet shows crunchy apple, apricot, roasted nut and lemon zest aromas with a lovely gun smoke overtone. The palate delivers excellent weight and persistency, wonderfully supported by refined texture and vibrant acidity. Harmonious and structured with a lengthy focused finish.

17.5/20 POINTS

Joelle Thomson | [Drinksbiz](https://www.drinksbiz.com)

April 2023

This wine puts North Canterbury's white wine foot forward incredibly successfully with its full-flavoured style, medium-body and lingering finish. It is buttery, creamy and rich in taste, with beautiful balance from its crisp lime zesty acidity, which adds depth to every succulent sip.

18.5-/20 POINTS

Candice Chow | [Raymond Chan Wine Reviews](https://www.raymondchanwine.com)

April 2023

Bright, even, pale straw yellow. The nose is full, revealing aromas of struck match, roasted nuts, stonefruit, citrus and pastry. Medium-full bodied, aromas of stonefruit melded with citrus peels, almonds, custard Danish underlined struck match and stony minerals. The wine is complex and savoury, enlivened by a bright acid line that provides length and tension.

4 STARS & 92 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | [The Real Review](https://www.therealreview.com)

April 2023

Weighty chardonnay with white peach, vanilla, a hint of green apple, sizzled butter, spicy oak and lime zest flavours. A wine that will appeal to those who like big and buttery chardonnay as well as the sleeker, more high energy style. Good value at this price.

4 STARS

Michael Cooper | [michaelcooperwines.com](https://www.michaelcooperwines.com)

April 2023

The energetic 2022 vintage was fermented and lees-aged in French oak casks. Bright yellow/green, it has a fragrant, slightly smoky bouquet. Fullbodied, it is youthful, with strong, vibrant, peachy flavours, finely integrated oak, fresh acidity and very good complexity.