



Reviews & Accolades

ANNA'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2015

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE

Bob Campbell MW, August / September 2017

5 Stars & 95 Points

A blend of grapes from 30-year-old Clone 95 and Mendoza chardonnay vines. The grapes were barrel-fermented using indigenous yeasts before spending 11 months in oak barrels (20 per cent new). Intense chardonnay with toast, root ginger, hazelnut, white peach, struck flint and spicy oak flavours. An assertive wine with a backbone of fresh acidity driving a lengthy finish. It should develop well. Drink 2017 to 2022.

WINEOFTHEWEEK.COM

Sue Courtney, March 2017

This is a rich, savoury, mouthfilling style of Chardonnay with malo and wild yeast adding intrigue. There's a buttery nuance to the bouquet and it's toasty in the palate with concentration to the semi-dried peach and nectarine fruit that mingles with ripe citrus with a touch of hokey pokey and biscuity oak in the background. Alastair explains the grapes hang on the vines a little longer to get the flavours.

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Sam Kim, August 2016

5 Stars & 95 Points

An outstanding expression, this single vineyard Awatere Valley chardonnay offers complex aromas of stone fruit, citrus, brioche and cedar characters with nuances of hazel nut and vanilla. The palate delivers awesome fruit concentration and fine texture, wonderfully enhanced by layers of delectable fruit flavours. At its best: now to 2022.

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Raymond Chan, October 2016

5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Pale gold colour, this has a full and soft nose with aromas of citrus fruits and creamy barrel-ferment notes, unfolding harmonious layers of fruit, oak and MLF. The palate is rich and features citrusy fruit and spicy oak, revealing layers of interest, with nutty oak and creamy MLF. Beautifully fine mouthfeel, well-concentrated and very long, with fresh, crisp underlying acidity. Clone 95 and Mendoza fruit from vines planted in 1986, fully barrel-fermented by indigenous yeasts, the wine spending 11 months in 20% new oak with 80% MLF.

WINESTATE MAGAZINE

November / December Issue 2016

4.5 Stars

Rich, weighty, well-integrated wine with a fragrant, complex bouquet and concentrated, peachy, mealy flavours, finely textured, delicate and lingering.

BRAGATO WINE AWARDS

August 2017

Silver Medal

CUISINE MAGAZINE

Issue 184, August 2017

4 Stars

“Delicate style with a rice paper texture,” noted John Belsham. This Awatere Valley-grown wine has poise and flow, with citrusy fruit playing out against a background of oaky flintiness. It’s still coming together – give it a few years in the cellar.

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW

September 2016

Silver Medal