Julicher

Chardonnay 2013

Julicher Estate (pronounced 'U–li–ka') is a family–owned boutique Martinborough winery focusing on the production of prestige quality wines with distinctive fruit flavors. All Julicher wines are estate grown on their 20 hectares of vineyards on the Te Muna Terraces.

Region:
'Te Muna' means 'secret place' and the Te Muna Terraces are situated five km east of Martinborough village. The vine growing area is situated in the old Huangarua River path sheltered by the Aorangi Ranges

Terroir:
The soils of Te Muna Terraces are free-draining alluvial gravel, which are rich in minerals making it ideal for growing grapes. The climate is an extension of Martinborough and similar to Burgundy, being only slightly cooler due to higher altitude, but with long cool summers and low rainfall providing the optimum long ripening conditions for grapes.

Viticulture:
This Chardonnay is made from the combined crop of two different clones of different age harvested from our Te Muna Road vineyard.

Winemaking:
The hand picked grapes were whole-bunch pressed without skin contact. Part of the juice was pressed straight to barrels for fermentation and the rest was cold-settled and then racked to a mixture of 1 year and older French barrels. After fermentation the wine was aged on lees and underwent partial malolactic fermentation. Minimal fining and sterile filtering before bottling.

COLOUR: *Golden straw.*

AROMA: *Creamy, toasty and slightly smoky with aromas of grapefruit and lemon.*

PALATE: *Savoury and creamy texture with underlying flavours of peach and passion fruit. Rich, elegant and smooth with a long finish.*

CELLARING POTENTIAL: *For current drinking, but will age gracefully. Serve chilled.*

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Variety & Clones:
Chardonnay clones Mendoza and clone 15

Harvest Dates:
15.-16.4. 2013

Harvest Analysis:
Brix 21.2, pH 3.19, TA 7.7 g/L

Oak Maturation:
1 year and older French oak for 10 months

Bottling Date:
6.3. 2014

Wine Analysis:
Alc. 13%, pH 3.18, TA 7.0 g/L
Residual sugar 0.0 g/L

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