

## ROSIE'S BLOCK CHARDONNAY 2017

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Raymond Chan, April 2018

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5 Stars & 19.0- / 20 Points

Bright yellow colour with light green-gold hues and some depth, a little lighter on the edge. The nose is soft and elegantly packed with aromas of yellow stonefruits in a subtle amalgam with complexing mealy notes and delicate, creamy barrel-ferment and nutty oak entwined with hints of flinty lees and mineral suggestions. This has layers of detail and interest. Medium-full bodied, the palate has elegantly concentrated, gently rich and succulent flavours of stonefruits, citrus fruits and tropical fruits, melded with mealy elements and layered with creamy and nutty oak. The fruit richness and depth is balanced by fresh, lacy acidity, and the wine forms a fine core with drive and linearity. The wine carries to a long finish with flint and mineral detail. This is an elegantly concentrated, complex layered and detailed Chardonnay with subtly rich fruit on a fresh palate. Match with seafood, poultry and pork over the next 4+ years. Clones Mendoza, 15, 95, 8021 and 548, from 'Rosie's Block', the 'Home Block' and small amounts from other Moutere sites, WBP and fully indigenous yeast barrel-fermented with high solids to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 10 months on lees in 15% new French oak with batonnage and 100% MLF.

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Cameron Douglas MS, June 2018

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94 Points

Enticing and intriguing bouquet of Chardonnay with a flinty floral then ripe yellow stone fruit beginning; as the wine opens up in glass the sweet scents of oak emerge with vanilla and white toast then a distinctive mineral and honeysuckle layer. Wonderful texture on the palate with a vibrant core of fruit energised by acidity and new oak; flavours of white peach, red apple and quince; the vanilla sweet oak layer returns with a noticeable spice lick from the wood. Lovely lengthy finish, great balance and youthful energy. Drink now and through 2024.

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Bob Campbell MW, May 2018

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4 Stars & 90 Points

Light, fresh, delicate chardonnay with subtle nutty lees, oyster shell and bran biscuit flavours. Appealing purity. Quite a charming wine from a challenging vintage. When the going gets tough.. Drink 2018 to 2022.