



Reviews & Accolades

ROSIE'S BLOCK CHARDONNAY 2016

WINE ANORAK

Jamie Goode, October 2017

94 Points

This has lovely richness, but because it's combined with a zippy freshness, it's not overblown. Fine spicy notes complement the ripe tangerine, lemon and pear fruit, with some mealy depth and there's nice weight and structure. The acidity is high but well integrated, and there's a crystalline quality to the citrus fruit that forms the base of this wine. Finishes long and fresh, with potential for development.

CAMERONDOUGLASMS.CO.NZ

Cameron Douglas MS, August 2017

93 Points

A very familiar bouquet of both Neudorf, Chardonnay and Nelson soil with a soft and creamy texture laced with some kitchen spices of oak and ripe yellow stone fruits, apple tones and even some citrus; a layer of soil aromas with a stony gravel-like moment. On the palate – quite complex and loads of texture with a mineral/acid line that alongside flavours of ripe citrus and stone fruit, the apple idea returns as well as the spicy oak tones; a building complexity and lengthy finish. Balanced and well made. Drink now and through 2026.

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, April 2017

5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Even straw-yellow colour with some depth and pale golden hues on the rim. This has a gently full and voluminous nose with harmoniously interwoven aromas of white and yellow stonefruits, creamy barrel-ferment and nutty oak notes, and subtle flinty complexities and oxidative suggestions that unfold in detail and layers. Medium-full bodied, the palate has a rich and deep heart, packed with layered flavours of yellow stonefruits entwined with nutty and creamy oak, and subtle notes of flint and minerals, with oxidative hints, all melded with harmony. The palate has some alcohol power and drive, and the wine flows smoothly along a fine-textured line, enlivened by balanced, refreshing acidity. The finish is long and sustained, showing stonefruits and nuts. This is a harmoniously rich and layered Chardonnay with complex stonefruit, nutty and creamy oak and flinty minerals on a positive, fine-flowing palate. Match with seafood, poultry and pork over the next 4 years. Clones Mendoza, 15, 95 8021 and 548 Chardonnay from 'Rosie's Block, the 'Moutere Home Block' and other small Moutere lots, WBP, and indigenous yeast barrel-fermented with high solids to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 10 months in 15% new French oak on lees with batonnage and full MLF.

YOUR WEEKEND

John Saker, The Press, April 2017

Grown on a site that sits above Neudorf's original Moutere hills vineyard, this is a crackingly smart rendition. It is the work of a winemaker with the good sense to let it be what it is - the product of a distinctive site and a cool, quite challenging vintage. Some usual suspects (stonefruit, a hint of caramel) carry the aromatics. In the mouth it gets quite riesling-esque, with a line of lively acidity and fresh herb notes, and a faint suggestion of flintiness lurking in the background. With tension and energy aplenty, it's the ideal seafood chardonnay.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, May 2017

4 Stars & 92 Points

Gentle, fruity chardonnay with chalky, mineral, toast, hazelnut, citrus and white peach flavours. Attractive wine with appealing purity and an ethereal texture. A low key chardonnay that is deliciously drinkable. Drink 2017 to 2022.

THE LISTENER

Michael Cooper, June 2017

4.5 Stars

Already drinking well, this is a stylish wine, estate-grown at Upper Moutere and barrel-fermented. Full-bodied (13.5% alc/vol), with strong, vibrant fruit flavours, woven with appetising acidity, it shows very good complexity, with a long, slightly biscuity finish.

HUONHOOKE.COM

Huon Hooke, April 2017

4 Stars

Light to medium yellow colour with a nutty, buttery, smoky complex bouquet. There's a little confectionery, too, like butterscotch lollies. Malolactic is obvious. It's rich, full and rounded on the tongue, with good multi-faceted complexity. It shows the full range of colours from the chardonnay paintbox. Satisfying.

JOELLETHOMSON.COM

Joelle Thomson, May 2017

Pick of the Day

Rosie is the adult daughter of winemakers Tim and Judy Finn, pioneers of small quantities of high quality South Island New Zealand Chardonnay. Like their best wines, this one is made with grapes grown in the clay based Moutere Hills in Nelson. It's dry and full bodied with high acidity providing a zesty character that complements this wine's rich malolactic creamy characters.