

Neudorf Chardonnay 01 - *Moutere*

“Neudorf Chardonnay (Moutere) 01 is fine and fabulous....superb bouquet alive with spice details”

Keith Stewart Listener Wine Columnist

Another big wine with something to say - reminiscent of the 94 but with greater complexity. The excellent 2001 vintage - long, warm, not hot - is reflected here, as is the winemaking. Hand harvested, whole-bunch press, oxidative handling, feral yeast and malo, with lees stirring to provide sensory harmony without overkill.

The wine is at once powerful and elegant, tight and generous, savoury and sweet. Tasting notes include almond blossom, Turkish delight, toffee bran biscuits and cream and concentrated minerally fruit. It is this mineral acidity combined with the oak phenols which hold the manifold expressions of voluptuousness in check.

This is the first Moutere Chardonnay to be bottled under screwcap - and possibly the most deserving. This is a wine that will demand time, but not oxidation, for its development. And with screwcap seals and some patience, that is what it will get.

“Neudorf Moutere Chardonnay is one of Top 20 Chardonnays in the world, along with Lafon, Kumeu River, Leeuwin Estate and Leflaive.”

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