



NEUDORF

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NEUDORF CHARDONNAY - MOUTERE 05

"If there was one Southern Hemisphere white wine I'd want to take to a desert island it would have to be Neudorf Chardonnay (Moutere). In my experience no others have stacked up as consistently well against the ultra-snazzy 100 % chardonnays of Puligny - Montrachet in Burgundy." Paul White The Dominion

A wine of outstanding poise, it offers the full complex of traditional Neudorf flavours and textures enveloping a trail of exceptionally intense bright mineral acidity.

On the nose look for lemon zest, smoky spice and a little grilled nuts. It is still tight across the palate with enough textured density to balance the taut minerality. Glimpses of creaminess around a core of citrus fruit. The oak handling is pulled back and this wine tips its hat to the fine white Burgundies of its vinous heritage. It is a poised, directional wine, and promises an exceptional future.

Hand harvested grapes from old Mendosa vines in the Home Vineyard were joined for the first time with a portion from the more recently planted higher slopes of our neighbouring Beuke Vineyard.

The parcels were picked in excellent condition in early April at 24.4 Brix, 3.09 pH and 11.4 gL TA. The Beuke fruit was 23.5 Brix, 3.24 pH and 9.1 gL TA.

All fruit was sorted in the vineyard and whole bunch pressed on a gentle 4 hour cycle. The juice was settled and run to French oak barrels (37% new). Spontaneous feral yeast fermentation was followed by complete malo-lactic conversion and the wine stayed on stirred yeast lees for 12 months until racked in April 2006.

The wine was minimally filtered and bottled in July 2006 at 3.16 pH, 7.2g/L TA, 14.5% alcohol.

"When grapes are turned into wine by winemakers as talented as Tim and Judy Finn at Neudorf the results can be spectacular. Neudorf Chardonnay Moutere 2003 would fool many into thinking it was a fine white Burgundy." Jancis Robinson MW - British Airways Business UK 2005

"Supreme White Winner. Neudorf has once again asserted its status as perhaps the country's best Chardonnay maker with this classy wine. Taut and stylish Chardonnay with nutty, mealy characters interwoven with citrus, bready lees and mineral influences. Very elegant with great length and cellaring potential. 95 points." Bob Campbell MW, NZ Home & Entertaining, Dec/Jan 2006

"Dense butterscotch flavours and finishes delightfully dry. Real texture." Jancis Robinson.com