

# Matawhero

Distinctively Gisborne.

## 2017 TASTING NOTES

# Church House Chardonnay

*Rich and weighty*

VINEYARD	<i>Tietjen and Briant</i>
CLONE	<i>Mendoza, ENTAV-INRA 548 and ENTAV-INRA 809</i>
APPELLATION	<i>Hexton Hills and Patutahi Plateau</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>13.4%</i>
TA	<i>5.24 g/L</i>
PH	<i>3.60</i>
RESIDUAL SUGAR	<i>&lt; 1.0 g/L</i>



## Wine Notes

COLOUR	Light golden colour.
AROMA	Ripe peach and melon layered with butterscotch and toasty oak notes.
PALATE	The palate is big, rich and full with great length and weight.
FOOD MATCH	Enjoy with seafood, white meats and cheeses.

## Vineyard Review

The grapes for this elegant Gisborne Chardonnay are grown from two select parcels from the Briant and Tietjen vineyards. The wine is made from a mixture of Chardonnay clones; 70% Mendoza, 15% ENTAV-INRA 548 and 15% ENTAV-INRA 809. The Chardonnay vines achieved good ripeness and with low yields came excellent flavours and weight to the fruit.

## Winemaking

Harvested in the cool of the morning, the fruit for this wine reached superb ripeness after another warm summer in Gisborne. All the grapes were machine harvested, gently pressed and slightly clarified prior to fermentation. The juice was inoculated with the indigenous yeast from this vineyard, which provided layers of flavour and aroma complexity, as well as a wonderful palate texture. The juice was cool fermented till dry and then underwent full malolactic fermentation and spent 4 months on lees before being stabilized and bottled.

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