



Kawarau
Estate



2004 RESERVE CHARDONNAY
Crafted from hand picked grapes, bottled by
Kawarau Estate Ltd, 987 Waiwaka Road, Cromwell, New Zealand
PRODUCT OF NEW ZEALAND
750 ml Alc 13% by Vol.

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Our Reserve Chardonnay is aged for 10 months in French oak barrels of which +/-25% are new with the balance being 1 to 3 years old. Harvested in three or more distinct lots, the wine is fermented in stainless steel with wild yeasts and undergoes full malolactic fermentation in the barrel. With minimal fining and filtration the resulting wine displays stonefruit characters complemented by subtle oak handling - richly textured, balanced and with a lasting finish this wine can be enjoyed now or laid down for up to 3 years.

Tasting Notes: Displaying lime and tropical fruits, this wine is creamy and shows subtle oak handling. A complex wine with a lingering finish.

Vintage Notes: Whilst New Zealand's harvest reached all time highs, Central Otago, once again, bucked the trend. With hard frost at both ends of the season, the region suffered dramatically reduced crop loads and, in some areas, severe damage to the vines, of which those that survived may take a year or two to recover from. Needless to say, the low crop loads did however result in fruit of excellent quality allowing Central Otago and Kawarau Estate to maintain its reputation of premium wines.

Cellar Until: 2008+

Technical Notes: Picked April 2004; tons harvested 3.85; tons/hectare 3.40; bottled March 2005; brix at harvest 21; alcohol 13%; residual sugars g/l 1.3

Winemaker: Dean Shaw, Central Otago Wine Company

Awards: Gold - Gisborne Int'l Chardonnay Challenge
Gold - New Zealand International Wine Show
Gold 96/100 - Huon Hooke, Sydney Morning Herald
Gold 96/100 - Gourmet Traveller Wine
Silver - 2007 Dallas Morning News Wine Competition

Reviews: "This impressive Chardonnay from Central Otago has generous butter and honeysuckle complexity over stonefruit flavors. There are lots of layers. Fine, smooth and balanced, with endless length." *Huon Hooke*

"Very fruit-focused Chardonnay with tight citrus and mineral salt flavors that are flattered by a seasoning of spicy oak. Its subtle power is revealed in the lingering finish. Vibrant cool-climate wine in a varietal style." *Bob Campbell*