



Louis Latour Agencies

Cru Heretaunga Chardonnay Smith and Sheth

Vintage	2018
Country of Origin	New Zealand
Region	Hawkes Bay
Grape varieties	Chardonnay

Wine description

Hawke's Bay (Heretaunga in Maori) is the birthplace of Smith & Sheth. It is located on the southern borders of the warm Bridge Pa appellation. The grapes are sourced from private growers as well as Smith & Sheth own estates (Bridge Pa, Omahu and Mangatahi). All on gravelly soils, these vineyards have a long history of producing exceptional wines that truly represent the potential of Hawke's Bay Chardonnay.

Tasting note

Vibrant pale straw colour with some green tinges. Fresh and fruit driven, almost Chablis-like in style. Complex and light on its feet. Vibrant acidity balanced by a creamy, lingering texture.

Vineyard information

Average vine age	20 years old
Soil composition	Old riverbed soils
Harvest type	Hand picked
Environmental management	Sustainable agriculture

Winemaking information

De-stemmed	Whole bunch pressed
Fermentation vessel	French oak barriques (19% new)
Maturation vessel	Oak barrels
Maturation time	10 months
Fining/clarification	Yes
Filtration	Light filtration

Wine Analysis

Alcohol by volume	12.7%
pH	3.4
Acidity (grams per litre)	6.8 g/L

