



Louis Latour Agencies

CRU Heretaunga Chardonnay Smith and Sheth

Vintage	2021
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

This wine reveals lovely fresh aromas of white fleshed peach, roasted cashews and hints toasted brioche. The palate is immediately open with ripe stonefruit and confit lemon flavours surrounded by a lovely creamy texture and a hint of fine oak. The finish is long with savoury, flinty notes.

Vineyard information

Average vine age	20 years old
Soil composition	Silty loam over gravel with some limestone
Harvest type	Hand picked
Environmental management	Sustainable Winegrowing NZ

Winemaking information

De-stemmed	Whole-bunch pressed
Fermentation vessel	French oak barriques and puncheons
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Maturation vessel	French oak barriques and puncheons (30% new)
Maturation time	11 months
Finning/clarification	Yes
Filtration	Yes, light filtration

Wine Analysis

Alcohol by volume	14%
pH	3.26
Acidity (grams per litre)	6.6 g/L

