

# BEACH HOUSE LEVELS CHARDONNAY 2021

**GOLD MEDAL** – NATIONAL WINE AWARDS OF  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND 2023

**Vineyard:** Ohiti Road  
**Area:** Ohiti  
**Alcohol:** 14.0  
**PH:** 3.27  
**Total Acidity:** 6.5 g/l  
**Residual Sugar:** <1.0 g/l

Our first Levels Chardonnay that was 100% sourced from the Gunn family vineyard on Ohiti Road where they grow the highly sort after 548 clone of Chardonnay.

The grapes were hand-picked in immaculate condition on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. Only the initial "free run" portion of the juice was allocated for our super premium 'Levels' Chardonnay where it was placed into fine French oak (35% new) to undergo primary and secondary "malo-lactic" fermentation.

A mix of 'Wild' and 'Inoculated' yeast was used to ferment the juice to help create a more complex and interesting wine.

We are elated at what we've managed to encapsulate in bottle this year. A real powerhouse of a Chardonnay with all the elements we love; punchy stone fruit, brioche notes from the malolactic fermentation, fine French oak bringing structure and spice. Vintage 2021 was a stunner across the board and what better way to express this great vintage than this fine example of Hawke's Bay Chardonnay at its absolute peak.

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