



## 2009 GISBORNE UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

### Winemakers Notes

Gisborne had a warm spring and summer which meant that we began harvesting our Chardonnay vineyards earlier than usual. The fruit was full of flavour and brimming with character. Our 2009 Chardonnay has been assembled from a number of parcels of fruit spread over five different vineyards. The parcels were all tank fermented using yeast strains that were selected for their ability to amplify Gisborne Chardonnay's vibrant fruit character. Post ferment the various parcels were left in tank on their yeast lees to gain complexity and richness. This was followed by assemblage, stabilisation and bottling.

### Analysis

**Alc** 13.5%      **Acid** 7.2g/L      **Res Sugar** 3.8 g/L      **pH** 3.50

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** As a young wine, this is pale in the glass with pale gold highlights. As the wine ages, the colour will deepen.

**Bouquet:** The nose is typical of Gisborne Chardonnay in an early year. It is a delightful melange of peach, nectarine and melon.

**Palate:** The palate is full of fresh fruit character, yet also has richness, weight and length.

### Cellaring

Gisborne's warm climate tends to produce chardonnays that show well in their youth. That said, with careful, cool cellaring, this wine will gain further complexity into the medium term.

### Food Matches

Brilliant with fish, seafood, poultry and pork.

### Suggested Wine List Description

In the absence of oak, the varietal characters come shining through. Lush melon and grapefruit aromas dominate the bouquet. The palette is filled with an avalanche of intense, ripe tropical fruit flavours that develop with every sip.

### Independent Reviewer's Comment

Full-bodied and vibrantly fruity, with fresh, tight, peachy, citrusy flavours and lively acidity.

### Awards

**Silver Medal** – Gisborne Wine Awards 2011

**Recommended** – Winestate Magazine