



## 2009 SV HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 'THE LIMeworks'

### Winemakers Notes

Our SV Chardonnay comes from fruit harvested from our famed 'Middle Road' vineyard. This property has been owned by Coopers Creek since the late 1980s and has produced beautiful fruit year after year. The vineyard is strewn with limestone and in fact sits next to a limeworks (hence the name for this wine). Machine harvested fruit was trucked to Auckland for crushing and pressing. Fermentation commenced in tank and the juice was then run off to American oak to finish ferment. The wine went through MLF and then remained in barrel until assemblage in December 2009. The wine was bottled after stabilising and a gentle fining.

**Analysis;**    **Alc** 13.5 %    **Acid** 6.5g/L    **Res Sugar** 2.8g/L    **pH** 3.49

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** Pale gold in the glass at bottling, but will slowly deepen with time.  
**Bouquet:** Profound! A melange of vanilla, sweet lemon, grapefruit, hazelnut, cream and subtle oak.  
**Palate:** Powerful! This is a big, rich Chardonnay. It has weight, sweet fruit, beautiful texture and length.

### Cellaring

Already approachable, but will cellar happily into the medium term in a cool environment.

### Food Matches

The oak ageing and malolactic fermentation make this wine an excellent match with full flavoured rich dishes, in particular poultry, pork, salmon and crayfish.

### Suggested Wine List Description

A stylish Chardonnay, mouth-filling and smooth. Not heavy, but with great depth of flavour, it shows maturity balancing sweet citrus and grapefruit aromas with creamy, nutty overtones. Everything lingers neatly on the finish

### Independent Reviewer's Comment

"An immediately appealing Chardonnay displaying lifted aromas of stonefruit, cream and nutty oak. The palate is full and generously flavoured showing silky texture, beautifully weighted mid palate and a fabulously tasty finish."SK

### Awards

**Gold Medal** – Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2011

**Gold Medal** – Bragato Wine Awards August 2010

**Five Stars** – Wine Orbit 2010

**Silver Medal** – LiquorLand International Wine Competition May 2010

**Silver Medal** – NZ International Wine Show September 2010