



## 2014 SV HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 'THE LIMeworks'

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### 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). The wine started ferment in tank and was then sent to oak to complete ferment and then most barrels went through malolactic fermentation. The oak was a mixture of new (20%) and seasoned American barrels and some seasoned French barrels. The final assemblage included some hand harvested fruit that was originally allocated to our Swamp Reserve Chardonnay assemblage. The wine stayed in oak until late October 2014.

**Analysis;**    **Alc** 13.5%    **Acid** 7.1g/L    **Res Sugar** 2.5g/L    **pH** 3.41

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** This vineyard always has a bit of colour: Pale gold in the glass at bottling, but will slowly deepen with time.

**Bouquet:** Profound! A melange of vanilla, cream, sweet lemon, grapefruit, hazelnut, 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 makes 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 delicate oak and nut overtones. Everything lingers neatly on the finish.

### Independent Reviewer's Comment

"Golden in colour with toasty aromas and flavours, this is a full, rich, creamy wine with juicy grilled freshly picked Golden Queen peaches, a soft buttery mouthfeel, a fresh acid spine and lashings of spicy oak and salted caramel. Super approachable already, more so than many of the 2013s, and it can take considerable chilling." Sue Courtney