

Obsidian Chardonnay 2010 Waiheke Island

REGION

Variety: Chardonnay

Region: Millar's Property and Edbrooke Vineyard
Waiheke Island, Auckland, NZ

VINTAGE 2010

Picking date: Hand picked 17 March 2010

Growing conditions: A cool unsettled spring was followed by one of the hottest and driest summers on record.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were gently whole bunch pressed. The juice was settled overnight before being transferred to French barrique 25% new. Post fermentation the wine was aged on yeast lees with occasional stirring for 10 months.

Oak Treatment: 25% New French, 75% Seasoned French

APPEARANCE

Pale straw in the glass.

BOUQUET

Complex aromas of ripe peach, hazelnut and brioche.

PALATE

The palate is rich and full with impressive texture and weight followed by a clean citrus finish that lingers.

CELLARING

Drink now or suitable for cellaring 5 years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Michael Wood

Bottled: March 2011, 157 Dozen

Alcohol: 14.50%

Residual sugar: N/A

Titrateable Acidity: 6.3 g/l

pH: 3.47

Packaging: 6 x 750 ml

Closure: Screw Cap



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★ ★ ★ ★ ½ (4 ½ Stars)

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Michael Cooper, Michael Cooper's Wine Buyers Guide 2012.

★ ★ ★ ★ ½ (4 ½ Stars / 91 points)

"It's beautifully ripe and fragrant on the nose displaying pineapple, peach and citrus characters with subtle vanillin oak notes. The palate is juicy and smooth with creamy texture and well balanced acidity leading to an expansive finish. Generous and opulent while remaining pristine and poised. At it best: now to 2015"

Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, Dec 2011

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★ ★ ★ ★ (4 Stars)

"... ripe citrus and mealy fruit along with buttered toast and nutty oak aromas. Full-bodied and with real power and drive, this rich, but restrained citrus and nectarine fruit flavours showing....This is a powerful solid wine, still tight, and will become richer over the next 3-5 years."

Raymond Chan Wine Reviews, Oct 2011

www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz

"Nothing timid about this wine, it has a no-holds-barred style with heaps of character. Hazelnut, peach and brioche flavours leap out of the glass and the palate is rich and full with loads of texture and weight. A clean, lingering citrus finish."

John Hawkesby, Canvas Magazine, 20 Nov 2011

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