

C R A G G Y R A N G E

2022 Les Beaux Cailloux

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

Sourced from a single block, Les Beaux Cailloux (the beautiful pebbles) is our most pure, complex and refined Chardonnay. We look for restraint in our winemaking and believe this Chardonnay reflects our style more than the region around us. The minerality and savouriness of this wine and its energy are entirely unique, attributed to the concentration of stones and the single-block nature of our philosophy and handling.

TASTING NOTE

Pale straw colour. An intense and fragrant nose of lemon curd and zest, roasted hazelnut, brioche, and white blossoms. It flows across the palate with ease, yet there's a salinity and vivacity woven in keeping freshness and definition. A plethora of savoury and citrus flavours is perfectly in balance. It speaks volumes to the distinct house style capturing both site and vintage.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

A hot start to the season drove early ripening, with Chardonnay harvested in pristine condition before February rainfall. Clones 15 and 95 delivered exceptional concentration, purity, and finely balanced acidity. Fruit is harvested and sorted by hand before 100% whole-bunch pressing into French oak barrique and puncheon for indigenous fermentation. Aged for 12 months in French oak, including 33% new barrels, then filtered but not fined before bottling in July 2023.



ALCOHOL 13.0 | PH 3.26 | ACIDITY 5.95 g/l

2022	5 Stars	Michael Cooper
	97 Points	Bob Campbell MW
	95 Points	James Suckling
2021	97 Points	Bob Campbell MW
	96 Points	Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate
	17.5 Points	Jancis Robinson MW
2020	96 Points	Huon Hooke
	96 Points	James Suckling
	96 Points	Jane Skilton MW
	95 Points	Rebecca Gibb MW