

C R A G G Y R A N G E

2023 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

Light in colour with a pale straw hue. A vibrant bouquet of lemon curd and zest complemented by roasted hazelnuts. The palate is seamless, underscored by a subtle saline and chalky tactility that maintains the freshness. A harmonious blend of savoury and citrus elements that signifies a true expression, reflecting the holistic style and terroir.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

Despite a wetter-than-usual season and a major rain event in February, our Chardonnay came through in excellent condition, with harvest commencing three weeks later under dry conditions. The fruit was handpicked from block 19 and whole-bunch pressed into stainless steel for ambient settling overnight. The juice was then racked for fermentation in French oak barrique and puncheon. Full spring malolactic occurred, then aged 12 months in oak, 35% of which was new, and 5 months on lees in stainless steel before bottling in June 2024.



2023	97 Points	James Suckling
2022	5 Stars 97 Points 95 Points	Michael Cooper Bob Campbell MW James Suckling
2021	97 Points 96 Points 17.5 Points	Bob Campbell MW Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate Jancis Robinson MW
2020	96 Points 96 Points 96 Points 95 Points	Huon Hooke James Suckling Jane Skilton MW Rebecca Gibb MW

ALCOHOL 13.0 | PH 3.26 | ACIDITY 5.3 g/l