

MOUNT EDWARD

Mount Edward is a small wine grower located in the heart of the Gibbston grapegrowing district, 25 km from Queenstown, in Central Otago, New Zealand.

Co-owner Alan Brady was the first to plant grapes in this valley in 1981, fellow owner and winemaker Duncan Forsyth, has been making wine in Central Otago for the past 13 years and together they grow Mount Edward's wines.

Mount Edward's vineyards are in the Cromwell basin and Gibbston area, using traditional approaches to winemaking we endeavour to produce wines which reflect site and season.

Mount Edward 2008 Chardonnay

Chardonnay in Central Otago seems to be all about the fruit flavours coming to the fore whilst at the same time allowing the wine to be delicate and somewhat subtle. In this, our first release, we have a fine balance between fruit flavours, some precision and tension with just a touch of savoury toasty oak. The wine has texture and softness whilst some nice acidity provides a refreshing backbone.

An excellent food wine.

13.7 % alc.

Vineyard

This Chardonnay is grown at a Lowburn vineyard down near the shores of Lake Dunstan, Cromwell.

The soils here are a light layer of loess over a mixture of glacial and river based gravels. Elevation is 235m and annual rainfall around the 375mm p.a.

Hand harvested in April at around 7 tonnes per hectare.

The grapes were whole bunch pressed and fermented at cool temperatures using a mixture of wild and introduced yeasts.

The wine was made using mainly stainless steel barrels with a small percentage of French oak barrels as well.

The stainless steel to retain freshness and precision, the oak providing some softness and flavour. Fined before filtration and bottling end Oct 08.

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Harvest Data

Brix 23.5

TA 7.45

pH 3.15