

THE FUDER SINGLE VINEYARD 'CLAYVIN' MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2013

rich and complex bouquet (the 2012) yet has more pronounced citrus and mineral messages. White fleshed fruits and citrus peel sensations. Palate has a real bite to the fruit flavours, mineral and citrus flavours, white flowers developing complexity. A dry, youthful finish.

4 Stars
RRP: \$62.99
Distributor: Giesen Wines Estate Ltd
03 444 6270
www.giesen.co.nz

JACKSON ESTATE 'SHELTER BELT' 2012 MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY

Classic Chardonnay and classic Marlborough too, with a creamy fruity bouquet, fresh roasted peach and other stone fruits aromas with very vanillin led oak aromas. Palate is ripe, creamy, fruity, lush and with plenty of oak bite - but not too much - and a dry, flavourful fresh and crisp finish. Dependable example.

4 Stars
RRP: \$27
Distributor: Hancocks/Glengarry's
03 572 9500
www.jacksonestate.co.nz

4 INVIVO 'MICHELLE'S' CENTRAL OTAGO CHARDONNAY 2013

Spice, mineral complexity, mild yet obvious oak and gobs of peachy stone fruit aromas - fresh, roasted and canned, medium+ complexity.

Palate is great - I really like the bite and texture of this wine, it has plenty of fruit and creamy Chardonnay expression. It has minerality, mild oak, medium-length and big 'wow'.

5 Stars
RRP: \$49.99
Distributor: Mineral Wine
09 630 6360
www.invivowines.com

5 CHARD FARM 2013 'CLOSEBURN' CHARDONNAY CENTRAL OTAGO

An elegant and gently creamy textured bouquet with soft yet noticeable stone fruits and sweet red apple aromas. Palate is dry and crisp, sophisticated and has gentle, sweet stone fruit flavours, sweet citrus (almost orange like); mild oak and medium+ length. A lovely feminine expression.

4.5 Stars
RRP: \$28
Distributor: Direct
03 442 6110
www.chardfarm.co.nz

6 BABICH WINES 'IRONGATE' HAWKE'S BAY GIMBLETT GRAVELS CHARDONNAY 2013

Bold, rich and packed with many Hawke's Bay characters new and old: a toasty, oaky, burnt butter rich nutty bouquet. Lots of oak spices, wood characters and raw brown sugar sweetness. Palate is full-bodied, rich and dry with creamy nutty flavours, roasted stone fruits and vanilla laced flavours, medium+ acid, length and finish.

4.5 Stars
RRP: \$35
Distributor: Eurovintage
09 833 7859

