



2017 Elephant Hill Salomé

The Icons are the pinnacle of Elephant Hill's winemaking philosophy. They are fine and rare wines with great complexity and depth and are made not only because of their exceptional quality but because they are special and unique.

Salomé Chardonnay is named after a famous ancestor of the Weiss family. Maria Salomé Ebner von Eschenbach. She was married to Carl Wilhelm Ebner in 1717, who was the Castellan of City of Gostenhof close to Nuremberg.

VINTAGE

The 2016/17 season was marked by a sharp change of fortunes towards the end of summer. Hot and dry conditions in December and January, excellent for ripening were followed by a sudden increase in rainfall throughout February, March and April and with it the onset of disease and crop losses. Having three vineyards spread across three very different growing areas can be a real bonus in such a season. 2017 was a challenging year for the whole of the Hawke's Bay wine industry. At Elephant Hill however we believe in maximising our input to achieve the best we can in any one season. With a 'no-holds' barred approach we can still produce superior quality wines which typify the season, all be it at much lower volumes.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Majority of the grapes came from our Te Awanga vineyard with small amount of grapes from our Bridge Pa Triangle vineyard. It was barrel fermented and aged in one-third new French oak for a full 12 months with some lees stirring. 20% went through malolactic fermentation.

TECHNICAL INFO

Alc: 13.0%

TA: 7.5g/L

RS: <1 g/L

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