

BILANCIA

bi'lancia Italian. (*be-larn-cha*) balance, harmony and equilibrium; the scales, of the zodiac (*libra*).



2020 Bilancia Chardonnay

"Isn't it ironic, don't you think?"

2020 was the vintage of irony; truly spectacular fruit harvested under the cloud of the global pandemic.

The 2020 Bilancia Chardonnay was sourced from two vineyards at Roys Hill, Hawke's Bay; *la collina* and Trelinnoe. The Chardonnay was all hand picked, with each vineyard kept separate. The fruit was whole-bunch pressed and the juice run straight to barrels from the press, with no cold settling, for fermentation in new and older French oak. Indigenous yeast carried the fermentations to dryness. The wine spent 11 months in oak prior to bottling; there was no fining or cold stabilisation.

The 2020 Bilancia Chardonnay is approximately 60% from Trelinnoe vineyard and 40% from *la collina* vineyard. The aim is to produce a wine that reflects the variety rather than the winemaking. It is a youthful, nicely wound wine with emphasis on a fresh, food friendly style and evenly balanced palate. Ripe stonefruit and citrus on the nose and palate with great texture and character and some minerality.

This wine is ready to drink on release and will continue to develop and fill out for 4 - 6 years.

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