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Viticulture Notes

The 2009 d'Akaroa Chardonnay was made from grapes grown on our Sunnybrae vineyard, located on the north facing slopes of French Farm Valley, near Akaroa on Banks Peninsula.

Spring on Banks peninsula was warmer than average with very low rainfall.

Warm weather over flowering resulted in good fruit-set.

After flowering we crop-thinned, and at veraison dropped yet more fruit to ensure consistency in the fruit.

We chose what turned out to be the warmest week in summer to apply nets to the vines (to keep the birds out).

When the temperature reached 36 °C, we headed down to nearby Wainui beach for a swim at lunchtime!

March and April continued the classic pattern of dry warm days and cool nights that we know helps to produce fine flavours in the grapes.

This fruit was hand harvested on the 5th May, and was brought in clean and very ripe.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were transported to the winery in picking baskets to avoid damage from bulk handling. They were hand-tipped into the crusher/destemmer and gravity fed to the press before fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The primary ferment took place under Canterbury's normal cool conditions and was complete after 21 days.

After the ferment was completed, approximately 10% of the wine was transferred to one new French oak barrique for aging. The balance of the wine stayed in the tank on gross yeast lees. After aging, the wines were racked off and blended and left for further tank aging.

The 2009 Chardonnay presents as a crystal clear, green-tinged Chablis-style wine. The aromas offer subtle grapefruit and apricot. These carry through to the palate accompanied by a crisp acidity and hints of nutty butterscotch.

Analysis at Harvest (5 May 2009):

24.1° Brix
11.1 g/L TA
3.20 pH

Analysis at Bottling (22 April 2010):

12.5% alc/vol
8.66g/L TA
3.32 pH

