



REVIEWS

2010 CHARDONNAY



BOB CAMPBELL MW

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***** 16.5+/20**

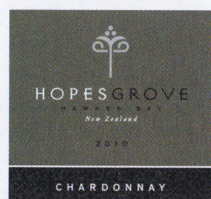
Bright straw-yellow colour with some depth and pale on rim, this has a fresh and elegant nose of stonefruit and citrus fruits, along with notes of butter and flint, and nuances of toast and nuts. Dry and medium-bodied, the palate has elevated acidity and tightly bound citrus and stonefruit flavours with good drive and tension. The palate is restrained and slender in proportion, with crisp textures, subtle creamy barrel-ferment notes showing, leading to a fine, textural finish with flint, minerals and acidity showing. This is a youthful, fruit-driven and racy Chardonnay that will be a match with seafood over the next 3-4 years. Clones 15, 95 and 96, WBP and barrel-fermented partially by indigenous yeasts to 14.0% alc., the wine aged for 9 months in 12% new French oak. 210 cases made. 16.5+/20 Nov 2011

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