

The Great Riddler Chardonnay 2016

A limited edition Chardonnay made in honour of Richard Riddiford, our founding Managing Director and a true Martinborough pioneer.

COLOUR

Bright, even, golden yellow in colour.

AROMA

The nose is rich and elegantly concentrated with aromas of yellow stonefruits, entwined with flinty lees and reductive complexities, fine nutty oak and lifted aromatics. A beautiful rich and seductive nose

AGEING POTENTIAL

Match with poultry and pork over the next 5-8 years

PALATE

Full-bodied, the palate is concentrated with flavours of yellow stonefruits harmoniously melded with nutty elements, oak toast and nuances of flinty minerals. These are harmoniously interwoven, deeply rich and satisfying with underlying power. The mouthfeel shows barrelferment creaminess, balanced by a line of ripe acidity. This is a complex Chardonnay full of character and power like the man himself

WINEMAKING

2 barrels of what we considered the best from 2016 vintage (the year in which Richard died) from our original Om Santi vineyard. Clone 15 fully barrel-fermented, 100% by indigenous yeasts to 13.0% alc. The wine aged 16 months on lees in 20% new oak and 80% I year old oak.

WINEMAKER

Allan Johnson

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Picking Date: March 2016

Alcohol: I3.0%

Bottled: October 2017