



# TANTALUS ESTATE

## CACHETTE

### RESERVE 2023

#### WINEMAKING

Whole bunch pressed in our vertical basket and fermented on high solids in a concrete egg using a combination of indigenous and selected house yeasts. Matured in French oak (40% new) from carefully curated barrels from Saint Romain, Burgundy for 12 months with methodical battonage. Bottled under ultra-premium natural cork..

#### HARVEST REPORT

Region: Waiheke Island  
Grapes: Chardonnay  
Harvest: 100% hand harvest  
Dates: 15th - 17th March 2023  
Brix: 22  
Production: 32hl/ha. Single vineyard

#### VINTAGE REPORT

This vintage we took a hands-on approach of careful preparedness throughout the year. A wetland at the heart of our 6-hectare vineyard helped with drainage during the major weather events as it does year round. We regularly adjusted the processes to keep pace with the weather. Canopies were green thinned, kept upright and our overall aim was to keep fruit weight in balance with canopy, and the ever-changing conditions. When it came to harvest, we were very selective with fruit, which we fermented in small batches to give ultimate quality control. Very proud of the team and happy with the resultant wines.

#### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Alcohol:	Residual Sugar:	pH:	TA:	Fining Agents
13.5%	3.1 g/L	3.39	6.4 g/L	MILK

#### TASTING NOTES

Fine and elegant, our Chardonnay balances a creamy texture with a complex saline under current. Layered aromas and flavours of citrus flowers and lemon curd meld with a base of brioche, nutmeg and baking spices. A harmonious and seamless mouthfeel lingers long with a sophisticated, expansive finish.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Cheese soufflé, Creamy chicken Vol-au-Vent, Crayfish tails with garlic butter, Smoked fish pie, Caviar.

#### ORIGIN OF THE NAME

A Tantalus is a small wooden cabinet that contains two or three decanters of precious wine, for which there is a lock and key. The Tantalus prevents unauthorised people from opening the cabinet and drinking its contents, while allowing the bottles' beauty to be on display. With a key to our Tantalus wines, one obtains access to the secrets of the treasures held within. All of our reserve wines have names referring to the origins of Tantalus... a 'cachette' is a hiding place, a reference to the joys of playing hide and seek as a child. Seek out your friends to enjoy a glass of our Cachette together.

