

Rock Ferry Wines

2008 Rock Ferry Marlborough Chardonnay

- Vineyard:** The Corners
- Region:** Wairau Plains, Marlborough. The vineyard is situated within an ancient bend of the Opawa River and the vineyard name in fact refers to the shape of the road which follows this old river channel.
- Vintage:** The 2008 vintage had ideal growing conditions throughout the season only dampened by rain in the latter part of the harvest. Warm flowering conditions in late spring suggested good crop levels and alternating periods of rain and sun over summer provided the optimal grape growing momentum to harvest time.
- Viticulture:** Our aim is best summed up by 'fine wine begins with the vine'. Our approach is through organic and biodynamic viticulture (The Corners Vineyard is certified organic by BioGro New Zealand) where we strive for balance in the vineyard. This ultimately provides grapes that are a reflection of our particular site.
- Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested and whole bunch pressed. The wine was fermented in 30% new French oak using indigenous yeast with the remaining 70% fermented in 1 and 2 year old French oak using cultured yeast. The wine went through a partial malolactic fermentation then was matured on gross lees for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.
- Tasting Notes:** Strong bright peach and integrated citrus flavours are interwoven with nutty yeast lees, sizzled butter and nutty oak characters. The texture is fine grained and seductively smooth.
- Technical:** 13.5% Alc, 3.40pH, 6.2g/l T.A., R.S 1.9 g/l
- Winemaker:** Allan McWilliams

