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## Radburn Cellars Chardonnay

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**Price** £44.00  
**Code** RADB001

Highly respected winemaker Kate Radburn, produces small parcels of her very best wine in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. "They're not big blockbuster wines. They're proudly cool climate wines, aged in French oak, with a lovely line of pure fruit, subtlety and elegance. The pristine fruit paired with refreshing acidity means there's a restraint about them allowing them to age beautifully."

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### Tasting Notes:

A beautiful, elegant wine, poised and finely structured. The concentrated Chardonnay fruit boasts freshness, finesse and complexity, enhanced with seamless texture and mouthfeel. There are delicious exotic flavours of pineapple and grapefruit, with a finely balanced lemon tang acidity.

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| Specification            |   |
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| <b>Vinification</b>      | The cooled bunches were hand sorted then whole bunched pressed. The majority of juice was cold settled then racked to barrel. Fermentation was in new and seasoned French oak, with selected cultured yeast and indigenous yeast, for added complexity. A combination of 500L puncheons and 225L barriques were employed. Lees stirring post fermentation was regular and malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The Chardonnay matured in barrel for 9 months before blending and bottling.  |
| <b>ABV</b>               | 13%   |
| <b>Size</b>              | 75cl  |
| <b>Drinking Window</b>   | Drink now through to 2025   |
| <b>Country</b>           | New Zealand   |
| <b>Region</b>            | Hawkes Bay  |
| <b>Type</b>              | White Wine  |
| <b>Grapes</b>            | Chardonnay  |
| <b>Vintage</b>           | 2018  |
| <b>Style</b>             | Dry   |
| <b>Body</b>              | Rich, rounded and full flavoured  |
| <b>Producer</b>          | Radburn Cellars   |
| <b>Producer Overview</b> | <p>“Radburn Cellars is a dream come true for me – and I don’t say that lightly. It’s incredibly invigorating to create a winery with a clean slate so we’re able to completely focus on making small parcels of the absolute best wines we can - and that’s something that I have wanted to do for a very long time.” Kate Radburn is one of New Zealand’s most highly respected winemakers. For over 35 years she’s been doing what she loves most – making great wine and sharing the knowledge, firstly at Vidal and the at Pask, which she joined as head winemaker, and then became part owner as well as running the company. Awards have been numerous, with her 1998 Pask Reserve Merlot awarded the Bordeaux Trophy at the International Wine Challenge in 2000. <b>Read more online</b></p> |
| <b>Closure Type</b>      | Screw Cap   |
| <b>Food Matches</b>      | A beautiful match with salmon and Hollandaise source.   |
| <b>Press Comments</b>    | <p>Concentrated, powerful Chardonnay with citrus, tree fruit, peach, struck-flint, mineral, hazelnut and brioche flavours. Bob Campbell MW Score: 95 ★★★★★ “Released August 2019. From two vineyards planted with old-vine Mendoza clone. Fermentation in a mix of new and used French oak (500-litre puncheons and barriques) and a mix of ambient and cultured yeast. Lees-stirring over the nine months in barrel. TA 7.5 g/l. Yet another example of the appetising-but-far-from-austere nature of NZ fine Chardonnay. People forget that Hawke’s Bay Chardonnay was so celebrated. Excellent combo of rich fruit and fresh, natural acidity. Long and satisfying. Yummy stuff. But not cheap. <b>Read more online</b></p>  |