

Lamont Chardonnay 2016

The Story

A boutique producer of Central Otago wines, based in the sub-region of Bendigo. Owner/viticulture, Craig Gasson, trained at the University of Adelaide, producing wines to showcase our unique vineyard sites. Established in 1999.

Lamont is the brand of Craig and Angela Gasson, Craig a viticulturist who established 12.15 ha of vineyards with the McLachlan family in Bendigo, who planted in 1999 as one of the founders in the district. Working on-site and becoming intimate with the vines and land up to 2007, Craig and Angela took sabbatical overseas, gaining additional experience in the U.K. and the exciting Okanagan district of Canada, to return to Lamont to continue their work making the Riesling, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir wines even more expressive of their provenance.

The Vineyard

The Lamont wines are single-vineyard sourced, from a 4.5 ha block off Loop Road, organic since 2009 and now with BioGro certification. The site has the varieties matched specifically to particular soil profiles, and the viticulture is precision-managed to account for their requirements. Craig is personally responsible for the winemaking, and still involved in the viticulture.

Winemaking

Grapes for this wine were handpicked, whole bunch pressed. Fermented cool, with monthly stirring to add palate weight and further complexity. 100% fermented in French oak barrels, 25% new. The wine has undergone full malolactic fermentation. After fermentation it spent a further 11 months aged in barrel. Organically grown and dry farmed fruit.

Tasting Note

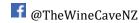
Lightly golden in colour, the nose is seductive with hints of mineral and melon, with underlying tropical and stone fruits. The palate is round yet incredibly focused. The wine shows a lovely creaminess with bright citrus fruit flavors. The minerality from the nose shows directly through to the body. Hints of lightly buttered popcorn hit the back palate. The wine is incredibly balanced.

Alcohol Percentage	14 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
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Aging Potential	7 + years



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