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## Clearview Estate crowned champions of Chardonnay

Clearview Estate Winery is shoring up its position as one of New Zealand's leading Chardonnay producers with yet another 'top of the class' win – this time for its "super-premium" Endeavour Chardonnay 2015.

The wine, only produced in exceptional vintages, won the Trophy for best Chardonnay at the Hawke's Bay A&P Wine Awards announced last night. Last year, the Te Awanga-based winery won the same accolade for its Reserve Chardonnay, again from the exceptional 2015 vintage.

Clearview Estate winemaker, Matt Kirby says it was unusual for wines at the top-end price range to be entered in wine shows.

"We have huge confidence in this wine and believed it would withstand the tough rigours of a blind tasting judging process. Taking out a gold and then Trophy clearly shows its pedigree."

While Chardonnay is the flagship grape for Clearview Estate, its prowess as a red wine producer was also reinforced with the Cape Kidnappers Merlot 2016 winning Champion Commercial Red Wine at the Hawke's Bay wine awards.

Clearview Estate produces eight different styles of Chardonnay and all from the 2015 vintage, which marked the arrival of a new winemaking team for Clearview, with Mr Kirby and Rob Bregmen coming on board, have won at least one gold medal at major New Zealand wine shows. In fact, the tally for the 2015/16 vintage reveals four trophies, 13 gold medals and 18 five-star (top) reviews from wine critics – so far.

In addition, a Clearview Estate Chardonnay was selected by the Air New Zealand Fine Wines of New Zealand panel of six Master of Wines for the airline's business premier wine list programme.

"Chardonnay grows so well in Te Awanga," says Mr Kirby. "The offshore breeze in the morning and the onshore one in the afternoon means there's no humidity, and that allows us to hold the fruit until it's ripe.

"We get grapes with a wonderful acid base and freshness that means we can play with various fermentations to meet varying and changing consumer palates."

"We started winning awards with our first Chardonnay in 1992 and it is testament to our vision and the dedication and focus of our viticulture and winery teams' maintaining that high standard. This wine



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epitomises all the reasons why we planted and started making it nearly 30 years ago,” says Tim Turvey, who along with co-owner Helma van den Berg, founded the winery.

“It has intensity, balance and flavour with a structure that has audacity; there’s freshness and complexity.”

Clearview Estate Winery’s Endeavour Chardonnay is only ever made when the vintage is considered stunning, and the last release was in 2015 from the 2013 vintage.

As well as selected grapes from the 30-year-old vines needing to be “quite special”, the wine is fermented in the “best French oak barrels I can find” and aged between two and a half and three years, which is much longer than the norm, says Tim Turvey.

The limited run wine is handpicked, hand-crafted and largely hand bottled in a unique 750 ml bottle. The cellar door price is \$175 and it is also available at selected wine retail outlets.

As befitting its exclusivity, each bottle is corked, red waxed and wrapped in a red cloth that honours the first item traded by Captain James Cook and his Endeavour crew with local Maori at Cape Kidnappers, a stone’s throw from the winery’s location. An actual image of the Endeavour, circa 1769, set against Clearview’s traditional wine label featuring Cape Kidnappers, graces the distinctive label.

“The Endeavour name honours the historical significance and the fact that we continually endeavour to make the very best wine we can,” says Mr Turvey.

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With vineyards established by Tim Turvey and Helma van den Berg from 1987, Clearview Estate Winery continues as a family owned and operated business producing iconic wines with pedigree, estate grown and hand crafted by people with passion since 1989.

In 1991, the rustic ‘Red Shed’ restaurant pioneered coastal vineyard dining, combining the cellar door and lunch restaurant, Mediterranean style, in a leafy vineyard setting.



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Situated in Te Awanga, on the Cape Kidnappers coastline of Hawke's Bay, the Estate enjoys a unique microclimate, an extended growing season and refreshing sea breezes. An unwavering focus on quality produces wines of great fruit intensity, with a strong commitment to sustainability in all aspects of the business.