



"Powerful, structured Gisborne wine. Pale yellow, tight and minerally, with rich stonefruit, citrus and nut flavours and a hint of honey. Complex and mealy, dry and youthful, with obvious cellaring potential" - Michael Cooper Winestate March 2008©

Clos de Ste Anne is a single vineyard situated on steep northeast facing slopes in the foothills of Poverty Bay. The 2006 Chardonnay comes from older plantings from the original Naboth's Vineyard ^{1 Kings Ch. 21}. The soil type is loam over calcareous sedimentary rock.

Hand harvested, then gently pressed into barriques. Wild ferment, no malo-lactic with extended ageing on spent yeast lees.

Tight and minerally, its strength of character in youth alludes to its pedigree. Harmonious phenolics, rich stonefruit and soft hazelnut flavours contribute to the mealy complexity, finishing with a long, dry mineral grain. These features reflect the upbringing of their biodynamic culture.

Cellaring potential 10 years from the date of release.

Total acidity: 7.8 g/l **pH:** 3.52

Alcohol: 13.0% Vol **Residual Sugar:** 1.0 g/l

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Bottled on: 21st February 2007

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