



"Full of personality, this fleshy, hill-grown Gisborne wine from Millton has been certified organic. Highly concentrated, it has grapefruit and peach flavours, with buttery and nutty notes adding complexity, a creamy texture and a slightly minerally streak. It's already quite open." 5 Stars, Michael Cooper, Winestate, March/April 2010

Clos de Ste. Anne is a single vineyard situated on steep northeast facing slopes in the foothills of Poverty Bay. The 2008 Chardonnay comes from older plantings from the original Naboth's Vineyard ^{1 Kings Ch.} ²¹. The soil type is loam over calcareous sedimentary rock.

An energetic, luminous wine. Hand harvested, the grapes were gently pressed into barriques, where the young juice underwent a natural fermentation. To retain minerality no secondary malo-lactic fermentation was allowed, while extended time ageing on spent yeast deposits gives weight to the mouthfeel. Rich gold in colour, complex and multi-layered, white peach characters yield to soft hazelnut, bread dough and notes of marzipan with harmonious phenolics. Classic wet-stone tongue-tantalising taste, bright acidity with a cushiony texture. I want this wine to have tension.

In other words it should dance on the palate leaving a sinew of freshness, and then linger on. We try to find the expression "taut" to compliment richness.

An enduring wine, its crisp acidity and hint of nutty complexity imply that it will reward further ageing. It's structure and finesse reflecting the biodynamic culture of 26 year old vines.

Bottled on the property, using the finest natural cork. Store lying down. This wine also enjoys a time to rest in a decanter before serving.

Drink Between 2010 – 2020

Suitable for consumption by vegetarians.

Certified Organic.

Total acidity: 7.8 g/l **pH:** 3.4

Alcohol: 13.5% Vol **Residual Sugar:** 1.6g/l

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