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ELSTON 2004

*Elston derives its name from the village near Newark in Nottinghamshire where Elston Hall is renowned as the ancestral home of the Darwins of the noted 'Theory of Evolution.'
The wyvern symbol of the village also appears on the label.*

This is the 21st vintage of Elston. First made in 1984, it has steadily developed a reputation as one of New Zealand's greatest chardonnays. Always a rich, concentrated wine, Elston has evolved with greater complexity from increasing vine age and the variety of soil types on which it is grown.

Elston 2004 is made from chardonnay grapes entirely hand harvested from Te Mata Estate vineyards between the 22nd and 28th of March 2004.

The whole bunches of grapes were gently pressed, cold settled, and racked to new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wine underwent complete malolactic fermentation and was matured in barrel for a total of 10 months. During this time, the wine remained in contact with its yeast lees and was regularly stirred. The finished wine was bottled in February 2005.

Elston 2004 has a pale lemon colour with aromas of fresh pineapple, citrus and roasted cashews. The palate is concentrated and fine with creaming soda and biscuit flavours leading to a rich, sustained finish.

Elston 2004 is a great glass of full flavoured white wine. It is best enjoyed with friends who like quality wine and all the foods that go with it.

Elston 2004 will continue to develop in bottle for 2-6 years from harvest

Technical Analysis at bottling:

pH	3.22
Total acidity as tartaric	7.5 gpl
Alcohol	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	(Dry)
Bottle Barcode	9418953105047

