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ELSTON 2005

*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.*

First made in 1984, Elston 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 2005 is made from chardonnay grapes entirely hand harvested from Te Mata Estate vineyards between the 12th and 29th of March.

The grapes were gently whole-cluster 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 ten months. During this time, the wine remained in contact with its yeast lees and was regularly stirred. The various lots were then blended and bottled in February 2006.

Elston 2005 has been bottled with new technology 'DIAM' corks. These are washed with a liquid form of carbon dioxide which eliminates any possibility of cork taint.

Elston Chardonnay 2005 is a pale lemon colour. It shows notes of stonefruit, pineapple, butterscotch and cedar on the nose, and has a rich, long palate with biscuit and white peach flavours.

This wonderful chardonnay has the potential to develop in bottle for 3-6 years from harvest and admirably partners full flavoured seafood, chicken, turkey and duck.

Technical Analysis at bottling:

pH	3.22
Total acidity as tartaric	7.0 gpl
Alcohol	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	(Dry)
Bottle Barcode	9418953105054

