



## Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide

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### Elston Chardonnay '21



One of New Zealand's most illustrious Chardonnays, Elston is a stylish, intense, slowly evolving wine. At around four years old, it is notably complete, showing concentration and finesse. The grapes are hand-harvested from mature vines grown in hillside vineyards above the winery at Havelock North, and the wine is fully fermented and matured for nearly a year in French oak barriques (partly new). Bright, light yellow/green, the 2021 vintage (5★) is already very expressive. Richly fragrant, it is full-bodied, with concentrated stonefruit flavours, excellent complexity, good acid spine and a savoury, long, very harmonious finish. Best drinking 2024+.

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