

THE WINES OF KEVIN GRANT



Chardonnay Earthborn 2020

Alcohol = 13.56 vol%

Res Sugar = 3.3 g/l

Total Acidity = 7.5 g/l

pH = 3.25

Barrel Ageing = 10 months in 225L French oak barrels

Wood Age = New 20%

Cases produced: 312 x 12

Bottled: December 2020

Release Date: March 2021

Winemaker's Notes

This *vin de terroir* is made from our maiden vintage of **organic grapes** grown on Ataraxia. It represents a journey of conversion to organic principles started 5 years ago. It is doubly unique in that it has been made using the same **BLACK** method used to produce the Ataraxia Chardonnay 2020. The science behind this method is that the more oxygen the must absorbs, the less oxygen is consumed by the wine, which then has much more resistance against oxidative degradation (yellowing) during aging. It is part of our quest to accurately and authentically express the very soul of our terroir, our space.

Spontaneous and complete barrel fermentation with no additions, and subsequent ageing in specially selected French oak barrels sourced exclusively from Burgundian coopers, comprised part of a gentle, minimalist, non-interventionist winemaking approach employed after the excessive and induced "bludgeoning" that the black method entails. In this way we have crafted a what we believe is the most authentic wine interpretation of our terroir to date, A terroir we believe ideally suited to Chardonnay.

Wine Style

"If the 'regular' Ataraxia Chardonnay is very good indeed, this new organic release is exceptional. Fermented in 20% new wood, it's taut and tangy, with tangerine and lemongrass flavours, subtle spices, impressive structure and depth and thirst-quenching minerality. An exciting début." **TIM ATKIN (MW): 95 POINTS**