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## BROOKFIELDS 'BERGMAN' CHARDONNAY 2015

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay  
**REGION:** Hawke's Bay  
**STYLE:** Dry  
**VINTAGE:** 2015

The growing season was a hot, however harvest this vintage was later than usual.

### VINEYARD:

All the grapes for the 'Bergman' Chardonnay are estate grown. They are harvested from Ohiti Estate which is owned by Brookfields Vineyards, and of course the Brookfields home block. The 'Bergman' Chardonnay takes its name from the Ingrid Bergman roses planted at the winery.

### VINIFICATION:

Immediately after harvesting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April the grapes were pressed, and the juice was immediately chilled. Following settling and inoculation with a selected yeast strain, the juice was racked into predominantly French oak, with some American oak, for fermentation and subsequent aging on its lees. However, there was also some wild ferment, and partial malolactic fermentation. Total time in oak was nine months.

### APPEARANCE:

A straw gold colour will fill your glass.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2015 'Bergman' Chardonnay has a flinty bouquet with stone-fruit, fresh melon, toast and subtle oak. Nine months of lees stirring has generated a broad mid palate with length. Equally the wild fermentation has brought another dimension into the flavour profile. Multifaceted, complex and a delight - do enjoy!

### FOOD MATCH:

Butterflied chicken under a Dijon Mustard herb crust.

### CELLARING:

Five years.

### DETAILS:

<b>Alcohol</b>	14.0% alc/vol.
<b>Residual Sweetness</b>	Dry
<b>TA</b>	7.8 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.49

**Owner / Winemaker** Peter Robertson

