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Plume 2020 Chardonnay  
shines on the global stage at  
the 2023 DWWA's.

97 Points and a  
platinum medal.



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# The Falcon Sauvignon Blanc and it's Array of Accolades

The Lake Chalice Falcon Sauvignon Blanc 2022 has had an exceptional year of Gold Medal awards and high score ratings from respected wine reviewers around the world.

*“A classic expression with a pungent and expressive bouquet of passion fruit and lime zest, white peach and fresh herbs. Crisp, saline, mouthwatering and fresh on the palate. Flavours mirror the bouquet along with a sweet grapefruit and apple quality - all in a moderately weighted satin mouthfeel. Balanced and well made with a lengthy finish, lots to like with best drinking from 2023 through 2026.”* 93 points, - Cameron Douglas MS

The 2022 Falcon Sauvignon Blanc won its first Gold Medal of its vintage back in August 2022 with the ‘National Wine Awards of Aotearoa’ wine competition, following that it continued to place with another Gold Medal in the respected ‘New Zealand International Wine Awards’ before rolling into the new year.

Now in 2023, the Falcon Sauvignon Blanc 2022 added once again to its list of accolades by winning a third Gold Medal in the International wine show ‘Concours Mondial du Sauvignon’ a renowned wine competition devoted to recognising and promoting Sauvignon Blanc on the international stage. The judging panel for this prestigious competition is comprised of hand-picked specialists from around the world.

The 2022 Falcon Sauvignon Blanc has also scored highly with wine reviewers from all over New Zealand and Australia, *“Showing good vigour and intensity, this wine was grown at Dillons Point, in the lower Wairau Valley. Light lemon/green, it is fresh and full-bodied, with passionfruit, lime and green capsicum flavours, a hint of saltiness and a crisp, dry, lengthy finish.”* 4 Stars -Winestate Australia, 2022

The highly decorated wine also scored an impressive 91 points out of 100 in the 2023 International Wine Competition *“Tropical fruit, lemon zest, gooseberry. Mouth-watering, lime and rose petal fruity finish.”* - IWC Tasting Panel, 2023.

Chloe and the team at Lake Chalice are incredibly humbled by the comments and reviews from tasting panels all over the world. The Lake Chalice Falcon Sauvignon Blanc is the mainstay and signature of our Lake Chalice portfolio. Representing signature flavours unique to our vineyards.



# Awards and Reviews

## Lake Chalice Plume Chardonnay 2020



**Trophy - Best White Wine**  
**Trophy - Best Chardonnay**  
**Trophy - Best Marlborough Wine**

Aotearoa Regional Wine Competition  
 2023

**5 Stars, 1st Place**  
 Cuisine Magazine #219,  
 2023

**Platinum Medal (97points)**  
 Decatner World Wine Awards,  
 2023



## Lake Chalice Sparkling Rosé NV



**Gold Medal**  
 Dish Magazine, 5 Stars  
 2023

**90 Points**  
 Sam Kim: Wine Orbit,  
 2023

“Charming and inviting, the bouquet shows raspberry, nectarine, lemon zest and floral nuances, followed by a refreshing palate that’s ripe and smooth.”



## Lake Chalice The Raptor Pinot Noir 2021



**Gold Medal**  
 Marlborough Wine Show,  
 2022

**Gold Medal**  
 National Wine Awards of Aotearoa,  
 2022



## Lake Chalice The Raptor Syrah 2019



**93 Points - Excellence**  
 Cameron Douglas MS,  
 2023

**93 Points**  
 Raymond Chan Wine Reviews,  
 2023



# Awards and Reviews

## Lake Chalice The Nest Sauvignon Blanc 2022



### Gold Medal

Decanter World Wine Awards,  
2023

### 95 Points

Decanter World Wine Awards,  
2023

“An impressive intensity of lime and lemon zest, passion fruit and white peach with a classic herbaceous edge; beautifully driven and vibrant with a super long finish.”



## Lake Chalice The Raptor Sauvignon Blanc 2022



### 5 Stars 1st Place

Cuisine Magazine #215,  
2022

### Gold Medal

Concours Mondial du Sauvignon,  
2023

### 94 Points - Excellence

Cameron Douglas MS,  
2023

### 96 Points

Winestate Australia,  
2023



## Lake Chalice The Falcon Riesling 2021



### Trophy Winner

Marlborough Wine Show,  
2022

### Gold Medal

National Wine Awards of Aotearoa,  
2022



## Lake Chalice The Falcon Sauvignon Blanc 2022



### Gold Medal

Concours Mondial du Sauvignon,  
2023

### Gold Medal

New Zealand International Wine Show,  
2022

### Gold Medal

National Wine Awards of Aotearoa,  
2022



# Plume Goes Platinum at Decanter 2023



The team at Lake Chalice Wines are delighted to announce that we have won a Platinum Medal and 97 point score for our 2020 Plume Chardonnay at the 2023 Decanter World Wine Awards in London. This is one of the most prestigious wine competitions in the world and it's an honour for Lake Chalice to have been recognised in this way. We're thrilled to be able to share this news with our customers and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our winemakers and staff.

The Decanter Awards are highly regarded within the wine industry, and winning a Platinum Medal and 97 points is no small feat. The judges are experts in their field and spend days tasting and evaluating wines worldwide.

Winemaker Chloe Gabrielsen, who oversaw the production of the 2020 Plume Chardonnay, shared her thoughts on the win. "We're absolutely thrilled to have won this prestigious award. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, who take great pride in crafting exceptional wines. The Plume Chardonnay is a particularly special wine for us, and we're delighted that it has been recognised in this way."

The 2020 Plume Chardonnay is a beautiful wine that showcases the best of Marlborough's wine-growing region. It is made from the finest grapes, picked by hand and carefully fermented to bring out their unique flavours and aromas. The wine is aged in French oak barrels, which adds a subtle richness and depth to the finished product.

*"When tasting the Plume Chardonnay, you'll notice a beautiful bright straw colour with aromas of ripe pear, citrus, and a hint of vanilla. On the palate, you'll discover flavours of white peach, lemon curd, and a touch of minerality. The wine has a long, lingering finish and is perfect for enjoying alone or with your favourite seafood or poultry dish." - DWWA Tasting Panel, 2023.*

Another Lake Chalice wine that made an impression at the 2023 Decanter World Wine Awards was the 2022 'The Nest' Sauvignon Blanc, placing with a stellar gold medal and 95 Point rating. "An impressive intensity of lime and lemon zest, passion fruit and white peach with a classic herbaceous edge; beautifully driven and vibrant with a super long finish."

This accolade is exceptional for the Nest range and showcases that the quality in Lake Chalice wines flow across all labels.

# Plume Chardonnay Continues to Shine

Aotearoa Regional Wine Competition  
2023 Triple Trophy Winner

Best Chardonnay  
Best White Wine  
Marlborough Regional Winner



2020  
CHARDONNAY

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by LAKE CHALICE

CHARDONNAY  
2020

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PLUME

# Outright Excellence from Cameron Douglas Master Sommelier

The Raptor Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Chardonnay, plus The Falcon Sauvignon Blanc. Four Lake Chalice wines, four ‘excellent’ ratings by Master Sommelier Cameron Douglas.

We are elated to share the following reviews, tasted in 2023 by New Zealand’s only Master Sommelier, Cameron Douglas. Cameron Douglas Beverage Reviews all use the internationally recognised 100-point scale, with 93–94-point wines being awarded for showcasing concentration, texture, character and quality.

**The Raptor Syrah 2019: 93pts Excellent**  
*“Very enticing bouquet with scents of wood smoke and vanilla bean then a core of dark red berry fruits led by baked raspberry and plum. These ideas transition to the palate very nicely and with tannins and salivating acid lines to deliver a wine with power and mouthfeel making it ideal for by the glass drinking and food pairing. Anise and clove, wood smoke and vanilla, black currant, and red berry flavours with a lengthy salivating mouthfeel.”*

**The Raptor Chardonnay 2021: 93pts Excellent**  
*“Aromas of fresh yellow and white peach, citrus flesh, and baking spices of toasty oak. New, fresh and nicely complex. On the palate a satin cream touch with citrus and a light zesty spice then flavours that reflect the bouquet. The oak layers in evenly adding texture and flavour, weight and complexity. Overall a tasty ready to drink example with freshness, variety and palate appeal. Also, very good food wine option.”*

**The Raptor Sauvignon Blanc 2022: 94pts Excellent**  
*“Many classic attributes lead the bouquet for this wine,*

*there’s also a complex mild savoury complexity accentuating a mineral quality, dried and fresh herbs and gooseberry quality. Delicious on the palate with a vibrant core of fruits that mirror the bouquet, a fine saline and silky texture. Crisp, and dry on the finish.”*

**The Falcon Sauvignon Blanc 2022: 93pts Excellent**  
*“A classic expression with a pungent and expressive bouquet of passion fruit and lime zest, white peach and fresh herbs. Crisp, saline, mouthwatering and fresh on the palate. Flavours mirror the bouquet along with a sweet grapefruit and apple quality - all in a moderately weighed satin mouthfeel. Balanced and well made with a lengthy finish.”*

To Chloe Gabrielsen, Winemaker for Lake Chalice Wines, it is a delight reading these critiques from such a respected contributor in the New Zealand wine industry. Chloe remarks, “what stands out the most with these ‘excellent’ reviews is the consistency across different varietals and vintages.” Noting that these ratings span from our powerful 2019 Raptor Syrah to the more recent and refreshing 2022 Falcon Sauvignon Blanc. Chloe’s boutique approach to winemaking combined with the biodiversity of our vineyard sites, create a formula that retains the quality and reputation of all our Lake Chalice wines.

Our goal simply is to create wines that everyone can enjoy, for each drop to tell its own story and its journey. We can’t promise that you can travel through time or stand amongst the valley vineyards. But we know you can enjoy the end of the journey by opening one of our wines.





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The bird is a national treasure.

Now so too is the wine!

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Here at Lake Chalice we are excited that our Raptor was voted in the top 10 of the best Pinot Noirs in the country by Cuisine Magazine: Better fly the nest and pick up a bottle or two before someone else does!

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We have always  
had wings -  
now we are flying

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Sauvignon Blancs

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SAUVIGNON  
BLANC  
2022

# 2023 Kārearea Release

Lake Chalice Wines was honoured to attend the release of two Kārearea chicks last week from their hack box located at our Eyrie Vineyard in the Waihopai Valley . This was a truly magical and heart warming experience that we would like to share.

The two young chicks were hatched and raised by their Kārearea parent facilitator in the Marlborough Falcon Conservation Trust, followed by spending time in their Lake Chalice hack box to adjust to the big wide world before being released into the wild.

The Marlborough Falcon Conservation Trust (MFCT):

The MFCT works incredibly hard to rescue, rehabilitate and increase the population numbers of New Zealand's last remaining endemic bird of prey in the greater Marlborough area, but they also service the entire South Island. They've been operating since late 2008, and have two staff, Diana and Lizzie, as well as a number of volunteers, who feed the birds, maintain the aviary and offer general support. The MFCT have a relatively stable population of breeding pairs, many of whom would not survive in the wild due to life threatening injuries or issues.

Lake Chalice and the MFCT:

We at Lake Chalice have been proud to support such an amazing organisation as the Marlborough Falcon Conservation Trust for a number of years now, with our recent support coming in the form of the hack box at our Eyrie Vineyard in the Waihopai Valley. It provides the juvenile Falcons shelter before being released into the wild and within the shelter they are fed and given time to take in the view of the surrounding area every day. We also worked to insulate electrical transformers close to the vineyard to protect the birds. The thinking is, that by giving them time and safe shelter the Falcons will remain in the area once released, until they learn to hunt.



The Kārearea:

The New Zealand Falcon, also known as Kārearea, is classified as 'at risk', with only around 6,000 left in the wild. MFCT and Wingspan in the North Island are the primary organisations in the country to breed and rehabilitate Kārearea.

Capable of flying at high speeds, it is the fastest bird in New Zealand, and can catch prey mid-flight, and larger than itself. They have eyesight eight times better than the average human (but not good night vision). The Kārearea therefore unfortunately often fall victims of predators (such as stoats and cats), and habitat destruction, which is why Lake Chalice is proud to support the MFCT in their endeavours to conserve the species. They are smaller than you might expect, females weighing around 500 grams, or the size of a magpie, and males weighing around 350 grams.

The Falcon is exceptional at gathering prey, including black shags, poultry and pheasants. They will also hunt mammals such as rabbits and hares.

These juvenile chicks will likely feed on insects including cicadas, dragonflies and huhu beetles, especially during this period in which they are learning to hunt for themselves.

# A ‘Show Stopper’ in the WineFolio Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc Tasting

The 2022 Lake Chalice Raptor Sauvignon Blanc has been rated first place in a recent Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc tasting by the New Zealand based wine column ‘WineFolio’.

WineFolio is an online wine resource run by the respected Wine Journalist, David Walker Bell. The website includes wine reviews, winery features and regional news, covering most, if not all areas of the New Zealand wine industry.

David Walker Bell has been a senior judge at many National Wineshows such as the New Zealand International Wine Show, Royal Easter Wine Awards, and the National Wine Awards of Aotearoa. There is no doubt that David’s ‘Top 10 Tastings’ hold a level of credit within the industry.

On to the wine, The 2022 Raptor Sauvignon Blanc is a single vineyard wine from the Dillons Point sub-region in Marlborough. Displaying an inviting perfume that leaps out of the glass, this Sauvignon Blanc is green and gold, with tropical notes as well as cucumber, gooseberry and blackcurrant. David Walker Bell describes it as *“A thrilling bounce of sharp acidity. The finish is unstoppable, long dry and lingering*

*It is rare to find a version with such concentration and depth. In fact it is rare to find as good as this, full stop. Our no.1 today, and probably the best of that ‘classic’ Marlborough Sauvignon style I can personally recall – in many years.”* David continues to describe the Raptor wine as a ‘showstopper’ Sauvignon Blanc.

The Lake Chalice team is elated with this review, Winemaker Chloe comments on the significance of this wine, *“I think Sauvignon is a great storyteller in the sense that it paints a generous picture of the season. It’s an instantly expressive variety and communicates its virtues so well. My favourite time to enjoy it is anytime we have fresh seafood that Dad has prepared for us!”*



# Falcon Lighter Passes the Taste Test

Low and no alcohol wines, you either love them or hate them. The team at Lake Chalice believe that not even the sky is the limit when it comes to creating unique and expressive New Zealand wines, including ones that are crafted to be lower in alcohol.

Our Lake Chalice ‘Lighter’ Sauvignon Blanc is lower in alcohol but rich in fresh, tropical characteristics. This lower alcohol Sauvignon Blanc provides a ‘lighter’ way to enjoy summer along side family and friends.

Rated 91 Points and first place overall in the 2022 November edition of ‘The Shout’ Magazine, tasted by New Zealand’s only Master Sommelier, Cameron Douglas.

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*“A lovely bouquet and palate with aromas and flavours of lemon, grapefruit, green apple and moments of tropical fruit, crisp, salivating and dry on the finish with a slight saline quality.”* - Cameron Douglas MS.

Our team is stoked to see this Lighter Sauvignon Blanc not only rate highly but win first place overall. We look forward to seeing how this delicious drop places throughout the next year.





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# “Marveously Moreish” Chardonnays



Lake Chalice Wines are delighted to announce two of our Chardonnays have performed exceptionally in the latest Cuisine Magazine New Zealand & International Chardonnay Tasting.

For the second year running, our Plume Chardonnay was rated the number one wine; this year, it was the 2020 vintage release that also received five stars.

Here is what the judges had to say about this excellent Chardonnay:

*“Pale in the glass despite time spent in bottle, the nose on this wine is attractively restrained and quiet with bright fruit and nice use of sulphide giving a lovely struck-match character on the nose against delightful aromas of hazelnut and brioche. The palate has well-handled oak set against bright apple, stone fruit and citrus flavours, fantastically taut acid which leads to a persistent chalky and altogether satisfying finish. Marvellously moreish.”*

And our 2021 Raptor was number seven in the top ten and was awarded 4.5 stars and ‘Best Buy’!

Here is what the judges had to say about this wine:

*“There’s no absence of sulphide on the nose with this wine which will be catnip to lovers of those reductive styles of Chardonnay. Behind the flint sits sweet fruit and creamy lees aromas bringing you nicely into the textured and juicy palate. The acid present is fresh and bright, providing great focus and length to this chardonnay.”*

Fruit for the Lake Chalice Plume Chardonnay was sourced exclusively from a single vineyard in the Lower Waihopai Valley, Marlborough. This vineyard is meticulously looked after by Peter and Anne Reed, who also provide the grapes for our Raptor Chardonnay.

The fruit was hand harvested and then gently whole bunch pressed to tank before immediately going to barrel. It spends very little time in tank –

only hours, compared to days settling for our other parcels. The wine then goes through a wild primary fermentation followed with a wild malolactic fermentation, where it is stirred on its lees before completion and then left to settle naturally in barrel for close to 10 months. Winemaker Chloe Gabrielsen describes creating the Plume Chardonnay as a blank canvas. *“We’ve selected only the very best barrels from within the batch. Each barrel adding a layer of complexity to the blend because we have so many components to choose from, adding different aspects of oak influence from the coopers, texture from oak or solids and flavour profile from the fermentations.”*



# Wake up and smell the Rosé.





PLUME  
2018  
PINOT  
NOIR

