



# WILD ROCK

PANIA  
HAWKES BAY  
CHARDONNAY

## 2009 Highlights

Gold Medal

*Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2011*

4½ Stars, Best Buy

“This wine effortlessly straddles the oak-barrel-derived richness and warmth on one side, and ripe, citrusy fruit on the other. “It’s beautifully balanced; nothing sticks out,” said Andrew Parkinson. One thing, though, does make itself obvious: the price, for being so very reasonable.”

*Cuisine Chardonnay Tasting Panel – Cuisine – May 2011*

90 Points, 4½ Stars

“Very appealing on the nose displaying peach, tropical fruit and creamy characters with a touch of bright citrus notes. The palate is smooth and flavoursome showing nicely balanced acidity and a lingering juicy finish. At its best: now to 2013.”

*Sam Kim – Wine Orbit – October 2010*

4 Stars

“Still youthful, Mouthfilling, well-rounded wine with a fragrant, nutty bouquet. Sweet-fruited, with ripe, stone-fruit flavours, peachy, toasting and rich, with a creamy texture.”

*Michael Cooper – Winestate – August 2010*

4½ Stars

“Lovely lean grape-fruit, mandarin and pineapple notes lead to juicy white peach, coconut and melon flavours. Fresh and fabulous, it has a tangy, tropical finish that is quite addictive.”

*Yvonne Lorkin – Various Publications – May 2011*

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## 2008 Highlights

Silver Medal

*Wrest Point Royal Hobart International Wine Show 2009*

Silver Award

*AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge 2009*

“Pania is for those who like rich, butter, luxurious – but affordable – Chardonnays. The oak influence is there in the toast and vanilla notes, but not overtly so, so that the layer of zesty ripe fruit comes

through. Rich but not heavy; ripe but refreshing – the tension between opposites plays out remarkably in Pania, named after the beautiful maiden of the Hawkes Bay reef in Maori legend.”

*Cecile G Mauricio – Business Mirror – July 2010*

4 ½ Stars, Top 10

“A Chardonnay for those with a liking for opulence. Floral sweetness, a vanillin oak influence and rich stonefruit flavours make strong statements balanced by a fresh vibrancy. Unabashedly mainstream in style and very well made.”

*Cuisine Magazine, New Zealand Chardonnay Tasting Panel – Cuisine – May 2010*

90 Points, 4½ Stars

“A gentle and refined nose displaying citrus, peach and a touch of creamy oak characters. The palate is concentrated and elegant showing fine texture, perfectly pitched acidity and an expansive finish. A gorgeous youthful Chardonnay. At it best: now to 2012.”

*Sam Kim – Wine Orbit Issue 9 – October 2009*

4 Stars

“Instantly appealing, drink-young style with a fragrant bouquet of peaches and butterscotch. Creamy and mouthfilling, with fresh, ripe, stonefruit and slight toast flavours, showing excellent depth.”

*Michael Cooper’s New Releases – Winestate – July/August 2009*

“If you’re in love with big-bodied chardonnay, you’ll love the density and intensity of this rounded Hawke’s Bay one. It’s rounded, flavoursome and shows beautiful balance for everyday drinking.”

*Joelle Thomson – [www.mindfood.com](http://www.mindfood.com) – November 2008*

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## 2007 Highlights

Silver Medal

*Liquorland Top 100 International Wine Competition 2008*

Gold Medal

*Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2009*

“A gorgeous wine showing ripe peach and cream characters with a hint of nutty oak. It’s satin smooth on the palate.”

*Sam Kim – Your Weekend Magazine – November 2008*

4 Stars / Top 15

“Legend has it that the beautiful Pania, Maori maiden of the reef, gave in to the call of the wild. Here we have the call of Wild Rock. This lean, citrusy, quite savoury wine washes over the palate like the sea over a certain reef.”

*Cuisine – May 2009*