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2005 Fromm Brancott Vineyard Chardonnay

RATING: 91 points

PRODUCER: Fromm 

Marlborough,

FROM: New

Zealand,

VARIETY: Chardonnay

DRINK: -

ESTIMATED

COST:

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SOURCE: Apr 2008

The 2005 Brancott Vineyard Chardonnay actually has a similar aromatic profile but with more intensity with more phenolic aromas emerging such as dried fig and lanolin. The palate is taut with vibrant acidity, notes of honeysuckle, nectarine and a kiss of ginger inflecting the finish. A great Chardonnay that should age over 5-7 years.

Since its inception in 1992, Blenheim-based Fromm has become one of the bywords for quality in Marlborough and under winemakers Hatsch Kalberer and William Hoare, their success looks continued. Their focus is upon Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, their prime fruit sourced from the clay-rich "Clayvin" vineyard and the more gravelly "Fromm" vineyard with wild ferments as standard. The Fromm vineyard surrounds the winery, its vines planted in 1992 upon clay topsoil and alluvial subsoil.

-Neal Martin