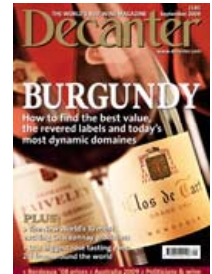


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ABC: Absolutely Brilliant Chardonnays

Bob Campbell MW, Decanter Magazine September 2009



'Neudorf has a reputation for making wines that challenge Burgundy's best'

"Neudorf has been quietly making the country's best Chardonnay for more than 30 years. It's fair to say they don't hit number one slot every year, but they have built an envious reputation for consistently making wines that, in style and quality, challenge Burgundy's best. That's a pretty bold statement but I've seen them perform with distinction in blind tastings against good vintages of Batard-Montrachet from top producers.

The clay soils and cool climate of the Upper Moutere in Nelson play a major part in the wine's quality and style, though I give owners Tim and Judy Finn much of the credit. Tim is less interested in the wines he's made than the wines he's going to make: he's not trying to make look-alike Burgundy, he's simply trying to grow the very best Chardonnay grapes in his carefully tended vineyard before transforming them into wine using careful selection methods, the best oak barriques money can buy and lots of tender loving care.

A combination of clay gravel soils, abundant sunshine, cool autumn nights and the Mendoza Chardonnay clone (small intensely-flavoured berries) allows Neudorf to make very individual wines with taut mineral acidity and a complex array of citrus, nut and bran flavours. It's a wine of great power delivered with commendable finesse."

**2007 NEUDORF 'MOUTERE' CHARDONNAY
92 POINTS**

"Intense, complex and totally seductive Chardonnay with a creamy texture and flavours that include hazelnut, wholemeal, brioche, grapefruit, mineral and very classy oak. Drink now – 2017."

