



2021 Vintage Overview

A very mild and dry winter resulted in a very early budburst, kick starting the season off with alacrity. Spring rain was very welcome, as the previous dry years had depleted soil volume moisture levels too low. We were able to grow healthy canopies with great leaf area, an asset when it came to the later ripening period. The season then became dry with slightly above average Growing Degree Days, resulting in very small berry size and excellent fruit concentration. The crop was very clean with no disease pressure, making the hand-harvesting quick, efficient and highly rewarding. The intensity and purity of flavours immediately defined this vintage in the cellar. The 2021 Chardonnays I consider to be one of the best vintages in recent years, with tremendous clarity and pure enjoyment. To be frank, in such years, winemaking is very 'hands off' as the wines just seem to make themselves. That's how we like it! In terms of cellaring, I rank the 2021 vintage as truly excellent, and a vintage that will cellar for 8-10 years. Exceptional.



A traditional Maori/Pacific Kete that holds snips and picking chits in days gone by.