



AUNTSFIELD
NEW ZEALAND

Single Vineyard

CHARDONNAY 2011
SOUTHERN VALLEYS • MARLBOROUGH

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1873.

Our Single Vineyard wines are made from grapes grown at Auntsfield Estate. Each wine shows the distinctive characteristics of ripeness, texture and minerality - qualities unique to the ancient Greywacke rock and Loess clay soils of the vineyard.

Auntsfield produces Chardonnay with finesse, restraint, honed focus and a textured mineral structure. Only the best fruit is used with the resulting wine showing a real sense of place that showcases the mineral structure of the old clay soils of the vineyard.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Rich straw gold

AROMA: Intense and complex, this wine displays aromas of nectarine, apricot and mandarin peel integrated with vanilla pod and hazelnut aromas from the French oak influence.

PALATE: Ripe stone fruit flavours of nectarine, peach and dried apricot, integrate with a flinty minerality and subtle French oak influence giving hints of roasted hazelnut. A tight, well-structured palate with underlying minerality gives the wine seamless length and complexity.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14.0% | pH 3.17 | TA 7.3

WINEMAKER NOTES

The fruit for this wine was hand harvested and whole bunch pressed, allowing clean and intensely flavoured juice to be crushed from the grape. The juice was fermented in French oak barriques, with a combination of indigenous and cultured yeast, followed by extended barrel ageing on yeast lees. Maturation allowed the oak flavours to gently integrate with the fruit and yeast lees characters and develop increased richness and complexity in the wine.

VITICULTURALIST NOTES

The 2011 season was characterised by a cold spring and a long growing season which resulted in low crops of loose open bunches. Rain in late spring gave the vines great strength and capacity to ripen this fruit. A long cool autumn allowed us to pick the very clean looking bunches at optimum ripeness levels.



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