



AUNTSFIELD  
NEW ZEALAND

*Single Vineyard*

CHARDONNAY 2013  
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

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COLOUR: Rich straw gold

AROMA: Intense and complex, this wine displays aromas of nectarine, apricot and orange marmalade integrated with vanilla pod, nougat and hazelnut aromas from the influence of barrel fermentation and lees contact.

PALATE: Ripe stone fruit flavours of nectarine and dried apricot are complimented by 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 3.18 | TA 7.5

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

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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

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The 2013 season was characterised by naturally low yields and warm settled weather with very little rainfall. Autumn produced cool and settled conditions which were some of the best seen in many years. This ripened small bunches of perfectly formed Chardonnay grapes that reached optimum ripeness with a long Autumn ripening period.



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