



AUNTSFIELD  
NEW ZEALAND

*Single Vineyard*

CHARDONNAY 2016  
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 peaches, mandarin peel and lemon tart, integrated with brioche and creme brulee aromas from the French oak influence.

PALATE: Ripe and intense stone fruit flavours of peach and dried apricot are complimented by a flinty minerality and subtle French oak influence giving hints of roasted hazelnut. A tight palate with creamy texture and underlying minerality concludes with seamless length.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14.0% | pH 3.22 | TA 6.3

#### 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 pressed 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 2016 season was characterised by moderate yields resulting excellent vine growth from rainfall at key growth stages in the Spring. A very dry summer followed with vineyard work focused around reduced yields by hand to optimal levels. This allowed the fruit to ripen over an extended period of time in the cool and settled conditions of early autumn. A season that rewarded vigilance, lower cropping levels and delayed ripening in the vineyard.



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