



AUNTSFIELD
NEW ZEALAND

Single Vineyard

CHARDONNAY 2020

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 peaches, mandarin peel, and lemon tart, integrated with brioche and crème brûlée aromas from the French oak influence.

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

ANALYSIS: Alc. 13.5% | pH 3.38 | TA 6.4 g/L

WINEMAKER NOTES

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

The 2020 season was amazing! If you could reproduce the weather conditions of this season every year you would. Regular winter rainfall and a cool spring encouraged canopy growth but kept cropping levels low. Summer was very dry but stayed relatively cool resulting in healthy vines with no disease or water stress. There was a slow progression into Autumn with a long ripening period where the fruit reached optimum ripeness in perfect harvest conditions.



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