



AUNTSFIELD
NEW ZEALAND

Cob Cottage

CHARDONNAY 2019

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1873. Our Single Block wines display qualities distinctive to grapes grown within a defined area at Auntsfield Estate. Consistent quality and character over many vintages has separated these single blocks out as producing our Reserve Wines.

Cob Cottage Chardonnay – This small 2 hectare block is situated at the very southern elevated corner of the vineyard next to some old Oak trees. It has a unique free draining soil made up of crushed Greywacke rock that has fallen from the steep hill behind.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Bright straw.

AROMA: Displays concentrated aromas of white peach with undertones of citrus peel. Lifted notes of dried herbs and fine spice compliment nuanced aromas of roasted hazelnut, wet stone and brioche.

PALATE: Elegant and ethereal on the palate, layers of white peach, citrus florals, delicate oak spice toasted brioche unfolding chalky minerals, lingering to a clean yet long finish. Chalky minerals provide a finely textured mouthfeel; soft acidity persists and carries spice elegantly throughout the palate.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 13.5% | pH 3.33 | TA 6.2 g/L

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The fruit is hand-picked and gently whole bunch pressed. After settling overnight, the juice is tacked to barrel and fermented with high juice solids in lightly toasted French oak barriques with indigenous yeast. After fermentation the wine is aged on yeast lees for 11 months. Before selecting the best barrels from the block for this wine.

VITICULTURALISTS NOTES

This small block of vines is situated on a steep north facing hillside at Auntsfield Estate. The soil here is made up of very dense Loess Clay with a high mineral content. The vines are old and slow growing leading to a low cropping level of 2kg per vine. The resulting fruit is always very clean with an unusual warm hue of colour at harvest. The bunches contain lots of very small perfectly formed berries and a high skin to pulp ratio.



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