



AUNTSFIELD  
NEW ZEALAND

*Single Vineyard*

CHARDONNAY 2021  
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 peachskin, mandarin peel, and lemon tart, integrated with brioche and apricot nougat 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 and fig. A tight and linier palate with underlying minerality concludes with seamless length.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14% | pH 3.08 | TA 7.0 g/L

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

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The fruit for this wine was hand harvested and whole bunch pressed. The juice was fermented in French oak barrels with indigenous (Auntsfield vineyard) yeast. Followed by extended barrel ageing on yeast lees. Maturation allowed the oak flavours to subtly integrate with the fruit and yeast lees characters and develop depth and complexity in the wine.

#### VITICULTURALIST NOTES

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The 2021 season was another amazing vintage. Regular winter rainfall and an unseasonably cold spring 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 drawn-out ripening period where the fruit reached optimum ripeness in perfect harvest conditions.



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