



AUNTSFIELD  
NEW ZEALAND

## Cob Cottage

CHARDONNAY 2022

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1892. 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 1 hectare block is situated on a steep clay hillside at the very South-Eastern edge of Auntsfield Vineyard. The corner of the vineyard sits next to where Cob Cottage once stood; the home of Marlborough's first medical practitioner.

### TASTING NOTES

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COLOUR: Bright straw

AROMA: Concentrated aromas of stone fruit with ripe nectarine, white peach and rockmelon, are complemented with nougat and biscotti wet stone and honeycomb.

PALATE: The palate is concentrated and beautifully textured with generous fruit weight. The flow of the wine is supported by a fine acidity and saline minerality providing a superb fresh, linear structure.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14% | pH 3.24 | TA 6.3

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

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The fruit is hand-picked and gently whole bunch pressed. The juice is put to barrel with minimal settling and left to ferment spontaneously in French oak barrels (20% new oak). After fermentation the wine is aged in barrel on yeast lees for 11 months, relaxing the tension that this vibrant Mendoza clone Chardonnay exhibits, and giving palate weight balancing the structure and complexity of this wine.

### VITICULTURALISTS NOTES

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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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