



ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2017

VITICULTURE

As our vineyards develop with age definitive characteristics emerge, particularly in the more diverse locations within our blocks. Winter pruning to two canes and limiting bud numbers reduces the crop to enhance both concentration and quality. Leaf plucking around the bunch zone ensures an increase in ripe fruit flavours and aids in achieving optimal ripeness.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were picked in beautiful condition. A good level of ripeness coupled with classic elegant Marlborough characters impressed the winery team. The fruit was pressed immediately into a stainless steel tank for a quick settling period (6 hours) before hard racking. In a break from the tradition of leaving the juice to begin fermentation without adding yeast, a culture of 'wild' yeast, collected from each block, was added to the juice. The newly fermenting juice was transferred to 500L French oak puncheons, of which 15% were new. After 8 months the wine was pumped out of barrel and into a tank to fine and filter for bottling.

DESCRIPTION

Butterscotch and pecan crumble over white flesh nectarines and the freshness of a pineapple Fruju down by the Wairau River in the summertime. Smokey overtones with a creaminess that layers over the lingering pineapple, backed up by the heirloom grapefruit fresh from the backyard, these characters all combine their unique acid profiles that blend to give Marlborough Chardonnay its unique fruit forward freshness, yet still speak to its classical French inspiration.

SERVING SUGGESTION

Definitely one we would share with anything from grilled crispy skin salmon, wood roasted rotisserie chicken or even a slow cooked bbq rolled pork roast.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS *(at bottling)*

Grape Variety 100% Chardonnay

Alcohol 13.0%

Residual Sugar <2.5g/l

Oak Treatment 100% French Oak

**Malolactic
Fermentation** 100%

**Vegetarian
/Vegan** Fined with isinglass
(fish derived)

**1st Year of
Production** 1991

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