



NORTH CANTERBURY NZ

WINERY | VINEYARD | FARM



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#### Flavor Profile

An aromatic Chardonnay displaying white peach and toasted brioche with a creamy texture that makes it easy to drink. It is a medium bodied wine with ripe nectarine-like fruit and underlying notes of roasted almonds and cinnamon. The wine boasts a clean and crisp finish, lovely persistent minerality and savory toastiness.

#### Winemaker Notes

2018 was a good growing year overall and was warmer and wetter than normal for North Canterbury. This led to a very good growing season; good flowering, nice even bunches and early ripening. Picking commenced on the 26th March and finished on the 7th April, about 10 days earlier than 2017. All of our Chardonnay was handpicked in different batches depending on levels of ripeness. It was then gently whole bunch pressed which resulted in delicate fruit-driven aromas and good palate weight, while minimizing the extraction of undesirable phenolics. Once pressed, the juice settled for 12-24 hours before the clear juice was put (50/50 split) into tank and barrel (new and neutral oak) for fermentation. About half of the barrels went through the malolactic fermentation to soften the acid balance and broaden the palate. Both barrel and tank components were aged on lees for 10 months, adding textural elements to the wine. The end result is a wine with fine stone fruit character, creaminess of texture and length.

#### The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Chardonnay with poached chicken, fresh baked salmon, Coquille St. St. Jacques, and a playful perspective about life.

#### For The Aficionado

Planted 2006-2019      154 rows, 17,433 vines      Yield: 8 T/ha (3.23 T/ac)  
2 blocks, 6.4 ha (15.8 ac)      Spacing: @2.4 x 1.0 m

Our Chardonnay is planted on the most Northern part of the vineyard and is hand-tended and hand-harvested. The clones are a mixture of French clones B95, 548, UCD15 and UCD1 grafted onto different rootstocks. The vineyard is in charge of dictating the flavor profile of the Chardonnay, so far yielding flavors of peachy stone fruits and creamy almonds. The first vintage was 2013.

#### Appellation

North Canterbury

#### Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 14.1%  
TA 6.7 g/L  
RS <1.0 g/L  
pH 3.45

#### Bottled

March 2019

#### Production

1,145 cases

#### Suggested Retail Price

23.99 USD  
26.90 NZD

