

We have something in common; you love great wine, so do we. And we're particularly proud of this very wine. It's made from exceptional fruit from our award winning Marlborough vineyard, which is what makes it a cut above the rest.

2012 Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay

THIS IS JUST OUR SECOND SINGLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY FROM MARLBOROUGH. FOLLOWING ON FROM THE MULTI AWARD WINNING 2011, THIS WINE HAS MORE MINERALITY, MORE CITRUS NOTES AND A CONCENTRATION THAT GOES ON & ON. IT'S JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO CRACK IT OPEN.

Technically speaking

This year's Single Vineyard Chardonnay has come from our Matua Marlborough block in the heart of the Wairau Valley. This is a vineyard we've been nurturing carefully, the viticultural team believe the Mendoza clone Chardonnay we have planted will be a star for many vintages to come. The fruit was hand harvested then whole bunch pressed directly into barrel. Using wild yeast fermentation the

high quality juice went through a slow ferment. Aged for 10 months in a mix of old and new French barriques we stirred the lees every 2 weeks to add texture and richness. The 2012 continues our linear pure style of Single Vineyard Chardonnay with ripe fruit but also a luscious minerality. This wine is built to age and a worthy successor to our 2011.

Release Volume 120 9le
Alcohol 13.5% vol
pH 3.2 g/l
T/A 7.7
Residual Sugar 1.49 g/l
Bottling Date 2 April 2013



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