

WHITEHAVEN MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2019



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WINES OF MARLBOROUGH
NEW ZEALAND

Colour / Appearance:

Bright, mid straw.

Aroma / Bouquet:

A rich combination of ripe golden peach, grilled grapefruit and baked fig fruit flavours, with a hint of gunflint and an overlay of mealy, spicy, nutty notes.

Palate:

An elegant full-bodied wine, with a vibrant concentration of ripe stone-fruit flavours, toasted almonds, and savoury notes. The palate is fleshy and creamy-textured, with a lingering finish and finely integrated oak

Food Match:

Our Chardonnay is a food-friendly wine. A great match for Mediterranean food, creamy mushroom pastas, poultry dishes and veal. However, the fruit weight and acid balance make it versatile with most cuisine.

Cellaring:

We recommend drinking our 2019 Chardonnay in the first 4 to 6 years after the vintage, but the wine has the structure and closure to allow continued development with careful cellaring.

Alcohol:	14%
Residual Sugar:	1.6g/L
Acidity:	5.4g/L
pH:	3.26

Grape Growing:

The vines were trained with two canes on a vertical trellis. Balanced pruning, shoot thinning, tucking, and trimming were done to achieve an open, healthy canopy. The season was notable for being one of the warmest on record. We experienced very hot, dry weather over January and February, resulting in smaller berries with excellent flavours intensity and concentration.

Winemaking:

The fruit was hand-picked and immediately whole cluster pressed. The heavy pressings were kept separate to minimise harsh phenolics. The juice was lightly settled before being inoculated for fermentation. Halfway through fermentation, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels of which 35% were new puncheons. Malo-lactic fermentation was carried out in all the barrels and lees aged for 11 months to aid texture and richness on the palate.

Winemaker: Diana Katardzhieva

Harvest Date: 12th March to 22nd March 2019

Vineyards:

Whitehaven, Pauls Road, Renwick
Rothay, Wratts Road, Rapaura

Accolades:

5 Stars, Yvonne Lorkin: "It's so beautifully balanced, refreshing, laced with soft smoke and seriously delicious. Chardonnay lovers – get this bottle!"

5 Stars, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit: "It's creamy and comforting with well-pitched acidity, making it highly enjoyable."

