



HUNTER'S WINES

MARLBOROUGH

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CHARDONNAY 2015

Multi-layered palate with standout oak integration and balance.

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Chardonnay shows of bright, floral nose of nectarine, citrus and hazelnut. The front palate is tightly structured, showing crisp peach characters and tight, linear acid. The wine is superbly balanced with fresh fruit characters, excellent oak integration all supported with Hunter's characteristic balanced acidity. This wine drinks very well on release but will develop and evolve over the next 5-7 years.

100% barrel fermentation | 15% new, 85% 2-4 year old French oak barrels | 15% malolactic fermentation | 10 months barrel ageing

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date	March 2015
Alcohol	13.0%
Total Acidity	6.7 g/l
Residual Sugar	3.86 g/l
Bottling Date	February 2016

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A cool spring with a number of late threatening frosts meant a nervous start to the growing season but summer was one of the driest on record. The conditions were perfect for the ripening and development of the fruit. This resulted in excellent fruit quality but with lower than average yields. Harvest went by seemingly without the hype or tempo of other years – the good conditions during this period ensured fruit was harvested at optimum maturity.

VINIFICATION

Hunter's Chardonnay is a wine that the winemaking team is particularly proud of. Fruit was brought into the winery by either selective machine harvester or hand-picked before being whole bunch pressed. Select parcels were pressed straight to barrel with the balance left to settle overnight before being run down to oak for indigenous fermentation.

Following fermentation, around 15% of the blend was left to go through natural malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in barrel on lees for 10 months before being racked and blended. The oak regime consisted of 100% French oak, 15% of which were new.

ACCOLADES

SILVER – International Cool Climate Wine Show, May 2016
4 STARS & Best Buy – Cuisine Magazine, August 2016

