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#### MANGATAHI CHARDONNAY 2018

# **Season Summary**

A warm season with the early to mid-summer being dry and relatively stress free from a growing perspective. A humid, somewhat damp March meant perfect timing of harvest was crucial.

#### Viticulture

Old Mendoza vines (25 yrs +) grown on river terrace soil, light silty loam over gravel. Managed to SWNZ standards with a nil residue spray programme. Harvest Date: 20th March 2018

## Winemaking

100 % Hand harvested fruit was whole bunch pressed and then fermented in a blend of new and aged French oak barriques, 50% new. 100 % indigenous malolactic fermentation with a small amount of lees stirring during the 10 months in barrel before bottling. Minimal filtration.

#### **Tasting Note**

Straw colour. Fresh and vibrant with grapefruit, melon and citrus fruit on the nose with complexing nutty, cashew notes. A savoury, lush and full palate with balancing acidity and tension. Immediately appealing as a young wine but with an obvious ability to age for 5+ years.

### **Chemical Analysis**

Alcohol: 12.7% TA: 6.9 g/l Ph: 3.35

Other additives: None

Suitable for Vegetarian/Vegan: Yes

Number of cases produced: 290 x 6pks



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