



# PYRAMID VALLEY

NEW ZEALAND



## 2020 NORTH CANTERBURY CHARDONNAY

### *Season summary*

Spring and early summer were warm and dry resulting in good flowering and crops. From Christmas through to harvest, we experienced very warm, dry and settled weather resulting in beautifully ripe, clean fruit at harvest.

### *Tasting note*

Slightly hazy, unfiltered appearance with a golden lemon hue. Complex mineral nose with hazelnut, grilled almond notes supported by ripe stone fruits, citrus fruits and an underlying salinity.

### *Viticulture*

Old vine Mendoza Chardonnay from Waipara Springs on Omihi clay soils, planted between 1982-1986. Clone 5 and Mendoza Chardonnay sourced from the Three Sisters Vineyard on Mackenzies Rd in Waipara planted between 2001-2002 on Rangitata gravels.

Harvested: 19 March - 24 March 2020.

### *Winemaking*

Hand-picked and fermented with natural vineyard yeasts and aged in 20% new French oak barrels for 12 months before settling in stainless steel on light lees for a further 4 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

### *Chemical Analysis*

Alcohol: 14.32%	pH: 3.21
TA: 6.7g/L	Total SO <sub>2</sub> : 70ppm
Suitable for Vegetarian/Vegan: yes	

