



# PYRAMID VALLEY

NEW ZEALAND



## 2021 NORTH CANTERBURY CHARDONNAY

### *Season summary*

Early Spring frosts and a cool flowering reduced yields in North Canterbury, followed by a dry, warm summer resulting in wines with good concentration and density.

### *Tasting note*

Golden lemon hue. Complex reduction, toasty mineral nose with lemon meringue notes. On the palate, ripe stone fruits, hazelnut and grilled almond notes are supported by a complex, mouth-filling structure and classic North Canterbury 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: 12 March - 23 March 2021

### *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%                      pH: 3.2  
TA: 6.3g/L                      Total SO<sub>2</sub>: 55ppm  
Suitable for Vegetarian/Vegan: Yes

