



RAPAURA SPRINGS

# RESERVE

CHARDONNAY – 2020

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## TASTING NOTES

Our Rapaura Springs Reserve Chardonnay is rich and flavourful. Each bottle is bursting with honeysuckle, white peach, nectarine and fresh citrus, all complemented by toasty vanilla and subtle spiced oak characters.

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## THE STORY

Our Reserve wines are expertly crafted from selected vineyards with impressive flavour concentration and palate weight. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people.

## ACCOLADES

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New Release

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## WINEMAKING

Fruit for our 2020 Reserve Chardonnay is grown predominately in the Southern Valleys sub-region. Perfect weather over flowering in the spring of 2019 produced unprecedented berry numbers. Fortunately, the driest summer on record then suppressed the berry growth. By harvest time, berry size was small to moderate, which has given the wines substantial structure and concentration. Late summer brought Marlborough's trademark cooler nights, that are so important to our aromatic qualities and retention of acidity. The introduction of a nationwide lockdown to slow the spread of COVID-19 coincided with the beginning of our harvest. Our vineyard and winery teams moved incredibly fast to adhere to the very strict distancing and hygiene protocols to allow us to continue to operate. Favourable weather allowed us to pick our Chardonnay when perfectly ripe. After harvest, the fruit was pressed, and the juice fermented in a combination of French oak barriques and puncheons, with 20% new oak. Malolactic fermentation has softened the wine and added extra texture and complexity to the palate.

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Alcohol: 13.50%

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Bottle Barcode: 9421003771574

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Carton Barcode: 19421003771588

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