



SANCTUARY

NEW ZEALAND WINE

2018 CHARDONNAY MARLBOROUGH

Our philosophy is to make great wines with minimal environmental impact. The beautiful Pukeko bird, which can be found in the wetlands we established beside our winery, reflects the Sanctuary style of wine – vibrant, lively and charismatic.

MARLBOROUGH

Only a generation ago, sheep farms dominated the river valleys and dry hills of Marlborough province at the top of New Zealand's South Island. Today, Marlborough is the largest wine producing region in New Zealand. Its stony soils, warm days and cool nights all contribute to producing wines with vibrant fruit flavours and firm structure.

WINEMAKING

For the 2018 vintage we sourced our Chardonnay from vineyards located in Marlborough's Wairau and Awatere Valleys. The varied soils and different microclimates of these vineyards deliver a range of unique characteristics, allowing us to create wines that showcase the best of our growing region. A warm spring was good for flowering and fruit set. The 2018 harvest was reasonably compact with good ripeness and flavours in the vineyard. After harvesting, we kept the fruit as cool as possible to retain its bright fruit flavours prior to gentle pressing and fermentations. Carefully selected yeast strains were used to emphasise classic Chardonnay characters.

WINE

Our Chardonnay brings forth yellow peach and cashew nut aromas, with a touch of spicy, cedary oak. On the palate, plush stone fruit flavours are supported by creamy oak and malolactic characters. Fresh peach and balanced acidity flow through to the end of the finish.

COMPOSITION: 100% Chardonnay	REGION: Marlborough	ALCOHOL: 13.5%
AGEING: 10 months in French oak	pH: 3.64	TA: 5.0
		RS: 2.10

WETLAND

Sanctuary has been a pioneer of sustainable winemaking practices in New Zealand. From the very first years of our operation, we have sought to create premium wines that are produced in such a way to minimise our impact on the environment. To exemplify our commitment, we established a wetland beside our winery which serves as a home to various wildlife, including the colourful Pukeko bird.