



## AUNTSFIELD E STATE

# Chardonnay 2009

SOUTHERN VALLEYS - MARLBOROUGH - NEW ZEALAND

**The 2009 vintage of the Estate Chardonnay displays intense and complex aromatics with a rich and intense palate.**

Our **Estate** wines are made from grapes grown at Auntsfield Estate. Each wine shows the distinctive characteristics of ripeness, texture and minerality – qualities unique to the ancient Greywacke rock and Loess clay soils found here.

Rich aromas of stone fruit and ripe citrus peel are integrated with a subtle French oak influence. Ripe peach and nectarine flavours are balanced with hints of hazelnut, butterscotch and honeycomb, creating a vibrant and powerful wine with seamless integration.



### TASTING NOTES

**Colour** Rich straw gold

**Aroma** Intense and complex, this wine displays aromas of nectarine, peach, apricot, mandarin and orange peel integrated with a slight spice from the sweet French oak influence.




**Palate** Rich stone fruit flavours of nectarine, peach and apricot, integrated with a subtle French oak influence for spice and butterscotch flavours. A tight and well structured palate with underlying minerality giving the wine seamless length and complexity.

**Analysis** Alc. 14.0% pH 3.34 TA 7.4

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The fruit for this wine was hand harvested and whole bunch pressed, allowing clean and intensely flavoured juice to be crushed from the grape.

The juice was fermented in French oak barriques, with a combination of indigenous and cultured yeast. The use of indigenous yeast resulted in a long slow fermentation, followed by extended barrel aging on yeast lees. This maturation allowed the oak flavours to gently integrate with the fruit and yeast lees characters and develop increased richness and complexity in the wine.

	<b>SINGLE VINEYARD WINES</b> Proudly producing wines of distinction from our family Estate	 <b>Luc Cowley</b> winemaker	 <b>Ben Cowley</b> viticultivist
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