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STARBOROUGH 'SINGLE VINEYARD' CHARDONNAY AWATERE VALLEY 2015

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of ripe, fresh yellow stone fruits, complemented with rich, buttery notes and a subtle layer of flint. Generous on the palate - lovely fresh citrus with a well-rounded nutty finish.

This wine has intense fruit concentration and the underlying acidity gives great focus.

VITICULTURE

This single vineyard Chardonnay was sourced from 100% Mendoza clone from our Long Lane Vineyard located in the Lower Dashwood area of the Awatere Valley.

The yield on the two cane VSP (vertical shoot position) trained vines were closely monitored through the growing season. Targeted shoot thinning was completed after early shoot growth to produce low yielding intensely concentrated fruit. Further fruit thinning and hand leaf plucking was performed post veraison to further enhance bunch uniformity and ripeness. The fruit was hand-picked in cool early morning conditions at peak maturity and flavour development.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was whole bunch pressed and settled before undergoing fermentation using wild yeast in a combination of old and new French oak barrels. The wine was lees stirred regularly to build texture and creaminess to the palate. After full malolactic fermentation the wine was aged for 10 months in barrel (25% new oak).

The wine was bottled in late March with an alcohol of 14.0%, pH 3.4 and acidity of 5.6 g/l.

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