



# SECRET STONE

NEW ZEALAND

## MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY

Secret Stone takes its name from the rare and precious greenstone found hidden beneath the riverbeds throughout New Zealand's South Island. This greenstone is crafted into beautiful carvings that are passed down from one generation to the next. Nestled within these greenstone heartlands, lies the wine region of Marlborough.

Marlborough has not only developed an international reputation for its Sauvignon Blanc, but its climate is also very fitting for growing some of New Zealand's most luscious Chardonnay. The fruit for this wine was sourced entirely from the Wairau Valley, Marlborough. It is harvested cool to ensure the fruit is in optimal condition before being pressed lightly to retain freshness. A percentage of the wine is fermented in stainless steel to give purity and primary fruit to the wine, whereas 60% was barrel fermented to add complexity, depth and mouthfeel. Blended together those parcels have created this delicious Chardonnay.



### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

#### Vineyard Region

Marlborough, New Zealand

#### Grape Variety - Chardonnay

#### Maturation

This wine was matured in a mixture of tank and barrel prior to blending.

#### Colour

Light straw green

#### Nose

Mouth-watering aromas of grapefruit and citrus.

#### Palate

The palate is concentrated and deliciously fruity, framed by a touch of toasty brioche from French oak and a moreish burst of freshness on the finish.

**Peak Drinking** - Best enjoyed in the first 2 years after bottling, while still fresh and citrus flavours are at the fore.