



# WAIPARA HILLS

Established in 2001, Waipara Hills is an award winning wine range from the South Island of New Zealand. Recipient to over 500 medals Waipara Hills has developed a fine reputation for crafting rich aromatics, with vibrant, complex flavour.

The Waipara Hills Cellar Door is located in the picturesque Waipara Valley, a short scenic drive north of Christchurch. Set amongst landscaped gardens, with spectacular views across The Home Block Vineyard to the Teviotdale Hills, our home captures the 'Soul of the South'.

## 2016 CHARDONNAY

### VINEYARD REGION

Sourced from our Waipara Valley vineyard sites, with a mixture of free draining gravels and heavier clay soils.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Despite some rainfall in January, 2016 was a stable and warm season with high sunshine hours. March started our typical 'Indian Summer' that followed through into April and May, providing great harvest conditions.

### VINIFICATION

Harvested in the early hours of the morning, the fruit was pressed immediately. No sulphur was added to settle the juice to soften the phenolics and encourage fruit intensity. The juice was left to settle until very clean, then racked, warmed and inoculated with specially selected yeasts to promote texture. Some juice was transferred to barrels to develop greater complexity, while the majority was transferred to tanks to maintain fruit brightness and definition. After two months of malolactic fermentation, the tanks and barrels were topped and stirred for a further two months. In late spring the wine was blended, fined using natural methods and finished for bottling.

WINE:	2016 Waipara Hills Waipara Valley Chardonnay
COLOUR:	Pale straw.
NOSE:	Lifted nectarine and white peach aromas with a lovely hint of buttered toast.
PALATE:	Ripe, yet gentle stone fruit flavours complement a well-rounded succulent palate and a long crisp finish.
SERVE:	Slightly chilled, with a creamy seafood chowder.
CELLARING:	Peak drinking 2017-2021
ANALYSIS:	ALC 13 %   ACIDITY (TA): 4.84   pH 3.55



*“A bright and elegant Chardonnay that delivers a wide array of flavour profiles. An enjoyable wine for any occasion.”*

Andrew Brown,  
Waipara Hills Winemaker

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