



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 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'.

2020 CHARDONNAY

VINEYARD REGION

Sourced from our Waipara Valley Home Block Vineyard, which is a loam over free draining gravels site.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Growing conditions were excellent, starting off with a frost-free spring. Good flowering and fruit set followed, supported by warm conditions. The hot and dry North Canterbury summer ripened the fruit exceptionally. At the time of picking, the fruit was clean, healthy and bursting with concentrated flavours.

VINIFICATION

Harvested in the early hours of the morning, the fruit was pressed immediately. The juice was left to settle until very clean, then racked, warmed and inoculated with a combination of wild and cultured yeasts, selected to enhance texture. Some juice was transferred to barrels to develop complexity, the rest was then transferred to stainless steel tanks to preserve 'brightness'. 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 bottled.

WINE:	2020 Waipara Hills Waipara Valley Chardonnay
COLOUR:	Pale straw
NOSE:	Lifted nectarine and white peach aromas with a hint of toasty oak
PALATE:	Ripe stone fruit and subtle oak give way to a beautifully textured and generous palate
SERVE:	With Italian roast chicken and grilled courgette and capsicum salad
CELLARING:	5 years
ANALYSIS:	ALC 13.5 % ACIDITY (TA): 5.65g/L pH 3.47

“A light, bright and elegant Chardonnay.”



Krystal Palmer,
Waipara Hills Winemaker

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