



# 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'.

## 2018 CHARDONNAY

### VINEYARD REGION

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

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A cool spring drew out flowering and as a consequence a sensible yield level was set. The growing season was a challenging one with substantial rain in January followed by very warm temperatures which accelerated growth. When harvest time rolled around the fruit was able to be harvested in great condition.

### 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.

<b>WINE:</b>	2018 Waipara Hills Waipara Valley Chardonnay
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Pale straw.
<b>NOSE:</b>	Lifted stone fruit and attractive white peach aromas with subtle hints of oak.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Gentle, ripe nectarine flavours complement a well-rounded succulent palate.
<b>SERVE:</b>	A versatile wine, pair with sea food, particularly shell fish, white meats or creamy pasta.
<b>CELLARING:</b>	5 years
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	ALC 13.5 %   ACIDITY (TA): 5.34   pH 3.6

*“A bright and elegant Chardonnay that is ideal for any occasion.”*

Andrew Brown,  
Waipara Hills Winemaker



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