



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
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RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2015

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 14% **pH:** 3.5 **RS:** 1.5g/L

TA: 6.2g/L **Brix:** 22.7 - 24.8

Tasting Notes

The nose shows hints of brioche, lemon curd and crème brulee. Slightly flinty with some char from the oak barriques. Quite a powerful wine on the palate with a lovely texture, minerality and depth. The wine retains its elegance and has enough acidity to finish clean and fresh, citrus characters are intertwined with sweet, smoky oak and yeast autolysis.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes for this wine were handpicked over several days and then whole bunch pressed directly into French oak barriques and fermented with wild yeast. 25% of the oak was new, about 75% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was then left to mature in barrel for a further ten months.

Viticulture Notes

From our Chaytors Road vineyard, handpicked 100% Mendoza clone Chardonnay. The soils are alluvial - sand silt loam over pea metal. 2015 was a low-cropping vintage producing clean fruit with lovely acidity.

Cellaring

Four to six years

Food Match

Suited to richer dishes - Chargrilled white meats, poached salmon, scallops, creamy mild curries. Our pick is - Roasted pumpkin risotto



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Awards & Reviews

Bob Campbell MW - 93 points

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Rich and quite oaky Chardonnay with reasonably strong white peach, root ginger, grapefruit, bran biscuit and hazelnut flavours supported by tangy acidity. A weighty wine with the volume turned. Should develop well in the bottle.

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