



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS  
— MARLBOROUGH —

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## RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2016

**Region:** Marlborough

**Winemaker:** Marcus Wright/ Rebecca Wiffen

**Alcohol:** 13.5% **pH:** 3.40 **RS:** nil

**TA:** 6.6g/L **Brix:** 21.7 23.8

### Tasting Notes

Showing lovely complexity with citrus and stonefruit characters paired with toasty brioche, sweet vanilla and charry oak notes. On the palate this Chardonnay is smooth and round with lovely minerality and focused acidity that provides length and vitality. This wine has weight and concentration while retaining balance and elegance.

### Winemaker's Notes

These Mendoza Chardonnay grapes were hand-harvested and whole-bunch pressed, then settled briefly before being racked to French oak barriques (25% new). The juice was allowed to ferment 'wild' over several months and encouraged to undergo full malolactic fermentation, it was when racked from the barrels and blended prior to being bottled here at the winery.

### Viticulture Notes

From our Chaytors Road vineyard where coastal breezes moderate daytime temperatures and allow gentle ripening, this block is situated on the banks of the Wairau Diversion comprising silts and river stones. The sixteen to twenty year old Mendoza clone Chardonnay vines produced grapes that were harvested in perfect condition.

### Cellaring

Four to ten years

### Food Match

Richer dishes - roast pork or chicken, creamy risotto, grilled salmon.



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