Sound of White Chardonnay, Marlborough 2023

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Catalina Sounds

— Marlborough, New Zealand

This single vineyard Appellation Marlborough Wine is beautifully balanced.

Production

Single Vineyard, 100% grown, made and bottled in Marlborough, certified with AMW (Appellation Marlborough Wine) and Sustainable Winegrowers New Zealand.Meticulously well managed, clone 95 Chardonnay is grown on clay-loam soils at their estate vineyard in the Waihopai Valley (part of the sought-after Southern Valleys). Shoot-thinning and leaf-plucking keep the canopy open and fruit hanging freely. Yields are purposely kept low around 6-7 T/Ha to ensure ripeness, concentration and balance. Handpicked fruit is gently pressed at the winery over 3 hours to stainless steel tanks; separating the free run and hard pressings, with minimal to no additions. 24 hours later very turbid juice is run to 500 L French oak puncheons, 50% of which are new. The juice then goes through a natural or 'indigenous' primary and natural malolactic fermentation. The wine matures on its yeast lees for 11 months before select barrels are blended to tank and left to settle for a further 5 months, before bottling unfined and unfiltered. The intention is to create a wine with complexity, texture and tension that purposely displays the vineyard site and climate in the Waihopai Valley. While drinking well in its youth, this wine is made with an element of longevity in mind and will continue to improve with age over the next 7+ years when stored correctly.

Tasting note

The aromatics weave between warm spicy oak and stone fruit initially and give way to a leesy complexity which displays highlights of cream, freshly sliced apple and spice. The palate is built on creamy texture and flavour that continues to build with well balanced salinity and acidity through to a long and persistent finish.

Food Match

A range of seafood dishes, hard cheeses and crisp green salads with fresh herbs.

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Please Select

Appellation:
Waihopai Valley

Winemaker:
Matt Ward

Grape Varieties:
Chardonnay 100%

Suitable for:
No