

# **MOUNT RILEY CHARDONNAY 2023**

#### VINTAGE

Vintage 2023 delivered hallmark Marlborough aromatics, flavours and refreshing acidity.

The growing season in Marlborough for Vintage 2023 was extremely good. Both rainfall and heat accumulation were at or close to long term averages, which resulted in wines with great flavour and fruit purity. Harvest progressed smoothly without weather interruptions after a slow and long ripening season.

### **WINEMAKERS NOTES**

The grapes for this wine were grown in the Wairau Valley region of Marlborough. This wine is made from grape parcels where 100% was fermented in new and seasoned French barriques

This style of winemaking enables us to craft a wine with bright fruit forward characters while still ensuring complexity and the depth of flavours imparted by oak influence. Partial malolactic fermentation was allowed for the barrel portion of the wine while it aged for 9 months on lees.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Colour Bright straw in colour

Bouquet Citrus and stonefruit aromas are complimented by spice,

gunflint and toast from a touch of oak

Palate An approachable wine with inviting bright fruit flavours and

great texture and roundness. The oak influence delivers

complexity and great intensity on the palate.

Drink Drinking well now; this wine will continue to drink well up

to 2028. Match with seafood, light meats and cheese.

### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

Grape Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Origin: Marlborough, NZ

Alcohol: 13% RS: <1 g/L TA: 6.5 g/L PH: 3.5

