



Auntsfield 'Estate' Unoaked Chardonnay

Marlborough - New Zealand 2010

Auntsfield Estate is the home of Marlborough's first colonial vineyard and winery. The original vineyard was established in 1873 and made highly regarded wine for over 50 years. The dramatic hillside vineyard with its unique variety of soils is again producing premium wines under the guidance of the Cowley family. The proud heritage of the land is the inspiration to produce exciting handcrafted wines of balance and individuality that display the special terroir of this historic Marlborough vineyard.

The distinctive characteristics of ripeness, texture and minerality – qualities unique to the ancient Greywacke rock and Loess clay soils found on the property - are certainly apparent. This uses some of the best fruit from the Estate, hand-picked and hand sorted with spontaneous fermentation starting in the vineyard and finishing in the winery. This combines linearity and weight with underlying minerality in a very subtle overtone.

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Yields

2.8 tons/acre

Production

750 cases produced

Average Vine Age

14 years

Élevage

Stainless Steel

Soil Type

Loess Clay over Greywacke Rock

Tasting Notes

“ This has a captivating nose, a Chardonnay with real personality with very subtle notes of passion fruit, nectarine and tinned apricot. The palate is medium-bodied, good acidity and balance with a sense of natural harmony, building nicely to a measured tropical, minerally finish. ”

Reviews

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate (Lisa Perrotti-Brown) | 90+ points