UNCHARTED

2020 CHARDONNAY

WAIRAU & SOUTHERN VALLEYS, MARLBOROUGH

Discover a place between the snow and the sea. Where mountain ranges give way to rivers, and sunshine reigns supreme. Where the three

How I Taste

Uncharted Chardonnay is an excellent showcase of a cool-climate Marlborough Chardonnay. Look for notes of white peach, lemon, toasted hazelnut, and flint on the nose. Enjoy the rich, concentrated palate, with bright zest balancing the fruit sweetness. Ripe lemon and peach flavours, with grapefruit on the finish.

Where I'm From

A blend of outstanding vineyard sites located in the Southern Valleys and Wairau Valley Marlborough subregions. Vineyards chosen all have heavy soil which gives subtle flint character and more texture in the wine.

How I'm Grown

The 2020 harvest season will be one to remember for decades to come. Just as harvest had started the government announced a nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19. Despite the adversities that this put on the team, 2020 produced some spectacular results with top quality fruit and what will be an outstanding vintage. Only the best Chardonnay fruit was hand harvested from select blocks in the Wairau and Southern Valleys.

Giesen Brothers discovered an affinity for the finest Marlborough wines, and where we craft our tribute to this beautiful, untameable region.

How I'm Made

The fruit was picked then immediately pressed at the winery.

Juice then settled overnight before being racked to tank and having yeast added ahead of transfer to oak barrels.

It was fermented then matured in predominately French oak hogsheads and puncheons and 1000L German oak barrels for 10 months. Oak age was 12% new, 18% one year old with the balance older. This selection was to ensure the wine had subtle oak character which allowed the fruit to shine. The wine was fined and filtered for bottling.

The Tech Info

Alc 13.5% • pH 3.45 • TA 6 g/l Residual Sugar 1.2 g/l

Match Me With

Cloudy Bay clams with speck and Italian parsley.





Share in four decades of passion and craft. Discover the best of Marlborough with Uncharted.