

# DURVILLE

## MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2020

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### VARIETY

100% chardonnay.

#### GRAPEGROWERS

The van Asch, Waghorn and Johns families.

#### LOCALITY

66% Awatere Valley, 34% Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.5 %
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	4.3 g/l
pH	3.50

#### HARVEST DATE

Between 27th March and 9th April, 2020.

#### BOTTLING DATE

10th September, 2020.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

#### CLIMATE

The 2019-2020 growing season was a little above average for temperature and growing degree days but cooler than the previous three seasons, which were all very high. The season was very dry, with only 43 mm (1.7 inches) of rain from 21 December to the end of harvest on 9 April. Budburst was five or six days early, and so was flowering. The dry season resulted in harvest coming in about ten days earlier than long term average. Where there was groundwater or drip irrigation, vines enjoyed good health and disease pressure was nil.

#### SOILS

Free-draining, deep silt loam, some with greywacke alluvium and clay.

#### VINE MANAGEMENT

Standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning, pruned to two canes. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked, cluster-thinned and lightly leaf plucked.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-harvested and gently whole-cluster pressed. Free-run juice was fermented in oak barrels, using wild and cultured yeast strains and some retained grape solids. Malolactic fermentation ensued in the barrels. These traditional methods have added a nice creamy weight to the wine.

### TASTING NOTES

#### AROMA/BOUQUET

Complex citrus fruit, hazelnut meal, crème caramel and sweet oak vanillin.

#### PALATE

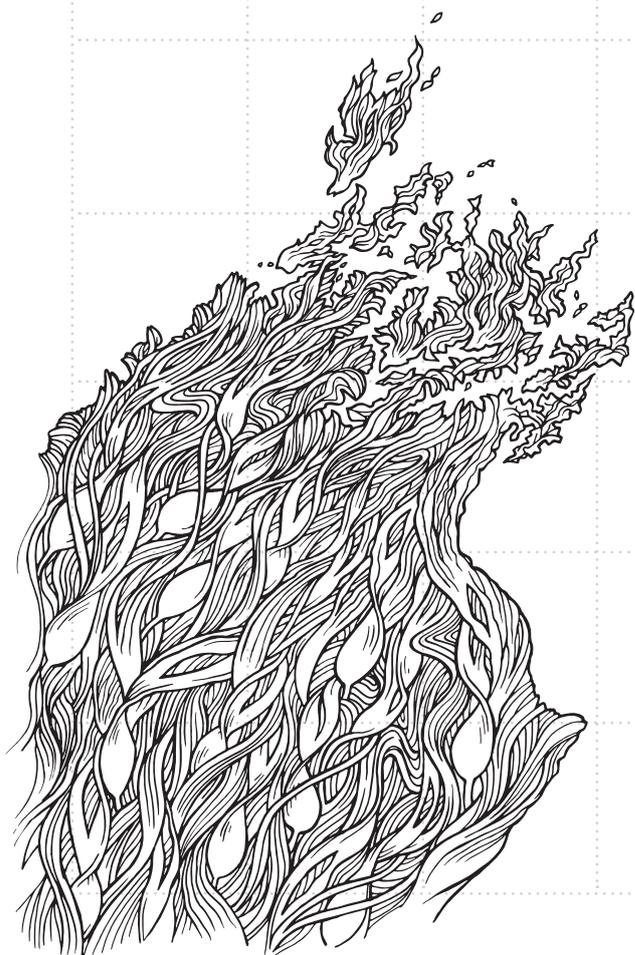
Full-bodied, with nectarine, honeydew melon, fine oak and a long ripe citrus finish.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Roasted hazelnuts, creamy pasta and poultry dishes, smoked salmon and miso-glazed eggplant with toasted sesame seeds.

#### SERVING TEMPERATURE

Lightly chilled.



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