



SANCTUARY

NEW ZEALAND WINE

2016 CHARDONNAY

NELSON

Our philosophy is to make great wines with minimal environmental impact. The beautiful Pukeko bird, which can be found in the wetlands we established beside our winery, reflects the Sanctuary style of wine - vibrant, lively and charismatic.

OUR HOME

Only a generation ago, sheep farms dominated the river valleys and dry hills of Marlborough province at the top of New Zealand's South Island. Today, Marlborough is the largest wine producing region in New Zealand. Its stony soils, warm days and cool nights all contribute to producing wines with vibrant fruit flavours and firm structure.

WINEMAKING

The 2016 vintage provided an opportunity to source our Chardonnay from the nearby Nelson region, which sits on the south west edge of the Tasman Bay. This wine growing region is best known for its mild climate due to its proximity to the coast and for its varied temperatures which allow for distinctive varietal characteristics. The region offers lush hills and a picturesque landscape which looks over the plains full with crops, orchards and vineyards. Soils here offer a mix of gravelly silt-loam over a clay base which allows for great water retention. After harvesting, we keep the fruit as cool as possible to retain bright fruit flavours. We follow with gentle press-ing and fermentations. Carefully selected yeast strains are used to emphasize classic Chardonnay characters.

WINE

Our Chardonnay brings forth rich, complex fruit and distinctive varietal characters for which Nelson is re-nowned. Aromatic notes of peach accompanied by rich stone fruits are balanced with a touch of oak and acidity.

COMPOSITION: 100% Chardonnay

REGION: Nelson

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

AGING: 9 months in French oak

PH: 3.4

TA: 5.7

RS: 2.43

WETLAND

Sanctuary has been a pioneer of sustainable winemaking practices in New Zealand. From the very first years of our operation, we have sought to create premium wines that are produced in such a way to minimise our impact on the environment. To exemplify our commitment, we established a wetland beside our winery which serves as a home to various wildlife, including the colorful Pukeko bird.