



VILLA MARIA

NEW ZEALAND



SUR LIE

Platinum Selection

HAWKES BAY

Chardonnay 2018

Awards & Accolades

Gold - NZ International Wine Show 2019

Gold - Hawkes Bay Wine Awards 2019

Winemaker's Comment

Predominantly sourced from our iconic Keltorn Vineyard, barrel fermented and perfectly blended to produce a distinctive wine, this Chardonnay reveals a fragrant nose of ripe stone fruit, with complexing toast and vanilla characters from French oak. The wine is matured 'sur lie' (on yeast lees) adding further richness and texture prior to bottling.

Serving Suggestions

A classic match with most white meats, rich seafood dishes, cheese and salads. Also highly enjoyable on its own.

Vineyard & Winemaking

The 2018 Hawkes Bay vintage followed on from officially one of the warmest summers on record. Harvest commenced in early March and immediately came under intense weather pressure from rain, leading to a compressed harvest for Chardonnay. The fruit was gently pressed and the juice inoculated with yeast prior to being transferred to oak barriques (25% new) for fermentation. 11 months maturation with weekly battonage on full yeast lees followed prior to bottling.

Technical Details

VARIETIES: Chardonnay

13.0% 13.0%

PH: 3.40

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.68g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.0g/L