



DOG POINT VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2021



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Vineyard

Location	Marlborough home vineyards on clay hill slopes and surrounding foothills.
Viticulture	2.2 tonnes/hectare. Vines are 27 years old on average. Some plantings dating back to 1981. Harvested 5th – 22nd March 2021
Clones	76% Mendoza, 24% Clone 95.
Soil	Clay and silt/clay loams with interspersed gravel.

Vintage

A cool and frosty start to the growing season and flowering period, naturally reduced yields to our lowest levels in over 20 years. Novembers rain was welcomed prior to the driest summer on record with only 66mm (50% lower than average) over this period. Temperatures were warm, only slightly above average, which enabled a smooth, steady growing season with little disease pressure.

Wine

Winemaking	Hand picked and gently pressed, prior to a brief overnight settling of the juice. 100% wild primary and secondary fermentations in barrel (10% new) over eighteen months. Bottled without fining and with only minimal filtration.
Colour	Deep straw in colour.
Aroma	A fresh and subtle expression with cool, citrus tones, hazelnuts and lanolin notes.
Palate	The impact of 18 months elevage adding elements of oatmeal and brioche. Bracing, fresh, ripe, citrus leads on the palate. Lovely, salivating acidity gives the wine drive and focus before more subtle creamy textures build on the finish. Tightly coiled with generous concentration, it will reward a few extra years in the cellar before drinking.
Cellaring	Drinks beautifully now or can be cellared for 10+ years.

Technical

Alcohol	14.0%
Acidity	7.9g/l
pH	3.10

