

SETTLEMENT

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Poplars Vineyard Chardonnay 2020 Marlborough, New Zealand

ESTATE

At Settlement, they seek out the most distinguished parcels of fruit from some of Marlborough's finest organic vineyards, to create four wines that reflect the diverse parcels of land the fruit comes from. The wines produced – a Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Noir - are well suited to Marlborough's soil profile and climate and are sourced from individual sites in the Wairau and Southern Valley's renowned for their silty clay loams, established vines, and organic farming practices. By choosing exceptional vineyard sites, little is required from the winery. The purity of fruit and flavor is nurtured in the organic vineyard, and any variation in season is embraced in the winery with little intervention required during the winemaking process.

WINE

A certified organic vineyard since 2012, the resulting fruit from this site shows great vibrancy and intensity with flinty, mineral undertones, and a creamy textured finish.

VINEYARD

Soils: Chardonnay vines, made up of 100% Mendoza, sit on free draining alluvium over a complex clay profile. Requiring little to no irrigation except in the very driest of seasons, Poplars Vineyard receives relatively low rainfall compared to the northern side of the nearby Wairau Valley. The vines were planted in 1992, with organic certification in 2012.

Farming: Settlement has farmed organically for over a decade and are now certified.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Hand picked and whole bunch pressed to tank overnight. The juice was then racked to barrel on solids where it went through wild ferment and ageing for 12 months on lees. 15% new oak used.

Ageing: 6 months in tanks, bottled without fining.

Alcohol: 14%

VINTAGE

A warm growing season with very dry conditions between January and April with only 45mm falling (less than 30% of the average). A season which will be remembered for other reasons however, with calm decision making and patience resulted in perfect ripening conditions, and a very rewarding season. One of the best the region has experienced in recent years.

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"A vibrant and energetic chardonnay with aromas of poached pears, lemons, roasted almonds, rosemary and flint. It's medium- to full-bodied with excellent energy and focus." - J.S., 10/22

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