



# VAVASOUR

## 2016 ANNA'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*Awatere Valley*

### AWATERE VALLEY

The Awatere Valley is a sub-appellation of New Zealand's famed Marlborough region. It features a cool, maritime climate and deep Greywacke soils that have been compacted over millions of years by ancient glaciers. Awatere's vineyards are partially protected from the prevailing north-westerly winds by a broad range of mountain peaks. Vavasour's Single-Vineyard Series showcases the most exceptional blocks from our estate. The wines are complex, concentrated, individualistic and extremely limited.

### ANNA'S VINEYARD

In 1985, Peter Vavasour identified the Awatere Valley as the new frontier for New Zealand winegrowing and planted the first grapes there in 1986. The climate here is noteworthy for its wide diurnal temperature swings. Rainfall ranges from 279-406 millimeters (11-16 inches) a year, arid by any measurement.

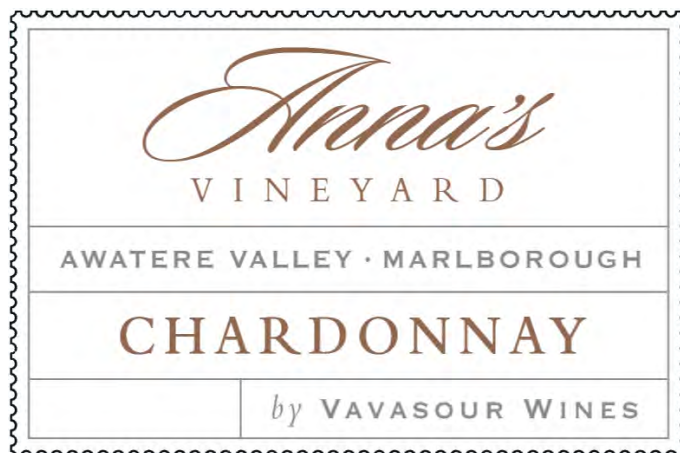
Named after Peter's late wife, Anna's Vineyard is located at a select site within our original terraced vineyard. The coarse alluvium soils here are comprised of stones and pebbles mixed with clay and loam, and are known for contributing minerality, fruit concentration and longevity to our Chardonnay.

### WINEMAKING

This special bottling of Chardonnay showcases the very best of our estate vineyards and is made only in years when fruit is of exceptional quality. Careful canopy and yield management, including leaf plucking and shoot thinning, ensure great concentration and character. After hand-picking, the fruit was whole bunch pressed and fermented in French oak barriques using indigenous yeast. Our 2016 vintage is made from a mix of Clone 95 for elegance and Mendoza for richness. The wine was aged in oak for 14 months with weekly lees stirring to enhance the texture and flavour.

### WINE

Our Single-Vineyard wines are pure expressions of their variety and true reflections of the terroir of our estate vineyards. The 2016 Anna's Vineyard Chardonnay delivers aromas of lemon brioche, nectarine and a subtle spice character. On the palate flavours of nectarine and cashew are met with a pleasing acidity and a marked minerality on the finish.



**APPELLATION** Awatere Valley, Marlborough New Zealand

**VINEYARD** Anna's Vineyard

**CLONES** Mendoza, 95

**WINEMAKER** Stu Marfell

**CLOSURE** Screwcap

**COMPOSITION** 100% Chardonnay

**COOPERAGE** 11 months in French oak, 18% new

**ALCOHOL** 14.0%

**TA** 5.5 g/L

**pH** 3.35

**RS** Dry

**AGING POTENTIAL** 1 to 8 years

**CASES PRODUCED** 311