



VAVASOUR

2015 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.

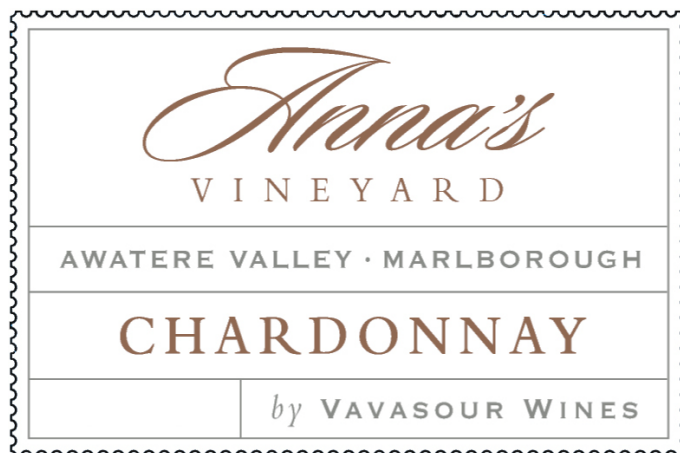
Named after Peter's late wife, Anna's Vineyard is located at a select site within our original terraced vineyard. The coarse alluvium soils here are comprised of stones and pebbles mixed with clay and loam, and are known for contributing minerality, fruit concentration and longevity to our Chardonnay.

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 2015 vintage is made from a mix of Clone 95 for elegance and Mendoza for richness. The wine was aged in oak for 11 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 2015 Anna's Vineyard Chardonnay is creamy and rich, with flavours of white peaches and nectarines accented by flinty minerality.



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, 20% new

BRIX AT HARVEST 23.6° Brix

ALCOHOL 14.0%

TA 5.6 g/L

pH 3.37

RS Dry

BOTTLING DATE 8 March 2016

AGING POTENTIAL 1 to 8 years

CASES PRODUCED 250