

2020 Marlborough Chardonnay

Astrolabe, Marlborough, New Zealand

Product details

Vintage:	2020	Drinking:	
Producer:	Astrolabe	Alcohol:	13.50%
Region:	Marlborough	Variety:	Chardonnay
Country:	New Zealand		

 Vegan Friendly

Reviews

"100% Awatere fruit from Windmill Block and this is their mainstream cuvée. Just the second crop off this vineyard. Just free run and fermented in puncheons. The 'funkiest' lots go into new barrels. Clones 95 and 548. Ambient-yeast ferment. 10 months in oak puncheons. Winemaker Simon Waghorn is seeking texture.

Mouth-filling with real substance. Some chewiness on the end. Should age well.

Nothing extreme. Drink 2023-2028"

16.5/20 points, jancisrobinson.com

About the producer

Named after a 19th-century explorer's ship, family-owned Astrolabe is Simon and Jane Waghorn's voyage into winemaking exploration in New Zealand's Marlborough region. The estate is rightly celebrated for wines that express the variety of their soil and the nuances of their terroir: from the Wairau and Awatere Valleys to the unique conditions of the Kekerengu Coast. Astrolabe wines reflect the Waghorns' innovative treatment of specific parcels and winemaking process to capture undiscovered qualities of individual grape varieties, resulting in some of the most pure and elegant wines from the region.

