



# OMAKA SPRINGS ESTATES

FALVEYS *Single* VINEYARD  
CHARDONNAY

2016

MARLBOROUGH  
WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

## History

Omaka Springs Estates is the sole producer of estate wines and olive oil in the Omaka Valley of Marlborough. All of our grapes and olives are grown on our 180 acre estate located in the very heart of the valley and all of our wine is created on-site by Winemaker, Ian Marchant. "Omaka" is a Maori word which translates to "where the springs flow." Here in the valley, there are mineral-rich natural springs that meander through our vineyards, feeding the soils, and ultimately imparting a distinct signature nuance of minerality in our wines.

## Terroir

The Omaka Valley is a relatively flat area made up of free-draining, lighter soils and a mix of stones with some clay. The Southern Valleys benefit from diurnal temperature variations, meaning the area experiences warm, sunny days in contrast to very cool nights.

## Tasting Note

This is a complex, perfectly balanced single vineyard Chardonnay giving the palate rich and rounded up-front flavours of yellow stone fruits, citrus and nutty oak. Finish is long and creamy. Grapes were hand-picked on a cool autumn morning and then barrel fermented for 12 months.

**Varietal:** Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Southern Valleys, Marlborough

**Vineyard:** Falveys Vineyard

**Barrel Aging:** 12 months

**Cases Produced:** 400

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Brix at Harvest:** 23

**Residual Sugar:** <0g/l

## Foods:

This rich and complex Chardonnay is crying out to be matched up with full flavoured savoury dishes such as chicken, veal and rabbit with creamy, garlic or lemon flavoured sources. Thinking of dessert? Try with a dish of poached pears and it will be a match made in heaven.

18/20 – 4 stars “This is a gently restrained and harmonious Chardonnay....” **Raymond Chan (New Zealand)**

93 points – 5 stars “Beautifully expressed and composed.....” **Wine Orbit (New Zealand)**

