



SHELTER BELT 2014 CHARDONNAY

HARVEST:

A single clone (B95) was hand harvested from our Homestead vineyard over two picks on the 22nd and 23rd March, 2014. Brix at harvest averaged 23.



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WEATHER:

2014 promised to be an exceptional year for Marlborough. With warm weather during the day, cool nights and little to no rain through January February we saw perfect ripening and were tracking for an early start to harvest. Select thinning of some blocks meant we were able to run with perfect levels of vine/ fruit and thus see stable and constant ripening. At the beginning of March there were a couple of adverse rain events, proving

to be just what the vines needed with just enough water to freshen and lift the vines. Towards the end of April the weather turned and we experienced bouts of rain and little to no wind to dry things out. Those who had manicured the vines to sustainable fruiting levels bore out the benefits of this and had most, if not all of their fruit harvested and in the door of the winery with little to no effects.