
**TERRA SANCTA ESTATE
RIVERBLOCK
CHARDONNAY**



APPELLATION:
Bannockburn, Central Otago

VINEYARD/BLOCK:
Terra vineyard: Riverblock

VARIETALS:
Chardonnay

ALCOHOL:
13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
<1g/l (Dry)

pH:
3.17

TA:
6.30 g/l

RELEASE DATE:
June 2013

CASES PRODUCED:
130

WINE VINTAGE: 2012

TASTING NOTE:

Beautiful citrus and herbaceous aromas on the nose are the gateway to a cascade of pristine and exotic flavours that linger long on the palette. A wine of wonderful drive with complimentary body and texture, showing the genuine grace a cool climate Chardonnay grown in a very special place.

CELLARING NOTE: Up to 6 years.

VINEYARD NOTE:

The Terra Sancta Estate on Felton Road is unique - it is home to the oldest vines in the Cromwell basin, with ancient glacial soils of schist and flinty quartz with purple wild thyme growing freely throughout. Nestled above the stunning Kawarau River, Riverblock Chardonnay was planted in 2005 with three premium clones for crafting exquisite wines that express the purity of the site.

HARVEST NOTES:

The 2012 vintage was wonderfully temperate, with evenly ripened grapes full of vibrant flavours with balance and length. Early picking of our Chardonnay ensures we capture the true essence of our site - finesse, minerality, and wonderful earthy flavours that come uniquely from our "special dirt."

VINIFICATION NOTES:

We hand harvested and whole bunch pressed the three clones of our inaugural Riverblock Chardonnay aging them separately so we could celebrate the individual layers contributed by each clone. Fermented by wild yeasts on full solids in large format oak barrels, this is a serious Chardonnay with a harmonious power and finesse that is like poetry for the senses, with each layer telling the story of its Bannockburn origins.