



## 2017 CARRICK EBM CHARDONNAY

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

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The EBM or Extended Barrel Maturation Chardonnay is one of only two wines which we choose to cellar for longer at Carrick, the other is our Excelsior Pinot Noir. It spends 18 months in French oak barriques and is a specially selected blend of just 7 barrels. All fruit is hand-picked from vines grown on their own roots, it is whole-bunched pressed and wild fermented in barrel. Two clones go into the mix, Mendoza and Clone 6, both complimenting each other. There is one new barrel in the blend (14%), lending a further layer of complexity to the wine.

Origin: Carrick Vineyards, Bannockburn, Central Otago

Hand-picked in: April 2017

Bottled: November 2018

Cases: 300 x 6 bottle cases

The additional 6 months in neutral oak increases the depth of the mouth feel found in the mid palate. This added texture, coupled with notes of citrus and stonefruit, balanced by a firm acid line, creates a feeling of seamlessness and length.

Precise, focused and age-worthy.

