

# Carrick 2018 CARRICK EBM CHARDONNAY

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

The Carrick EBM Chardonnay is so named for its 'Extended Barrel Maturation', which imparts further character, structure and flavor to this wine. Aged in barrel for 18 months, it is a blend created from a selection of the Winemaker's best barrels. The 2018 EBM is a small blend of just 7 barrels.

The 2018 growing season had the hottest growing season on record, with rain just before harvest, it was incredibly unusual and picking began two weeks earlier than normal. The fruit that came in looked good and the resulting wines are generous and impressive.

Origin: Cairnmuir Vineyard, Carrick, Bannockburn, Central Otago  
Hand-picked in: March 2018  
Additions: Sulphur Dioxide (PMS), Yeast Hulls  
Filtration and/or Fining: Coarse filtration, no fining.  
Alcohol: 14.0% abv  
Bottled: October 2019  
Cases: 300 x 6 bottle cases

*The EBM is a blend of two different parcels from the Cairnmuir Terraces, the top terrace where we grow Clone 6 and the bottom where we have Mendoza. Amongst the 7 barrels none were new, they were blended after 12 months then returned to barrel for a further 6 months. The juice was fermented in oak with a daily battonage to assist the wild yeast.*

*Released after at least 1 year of bottle age, the EBM is complex, with an earthy, savoury tone. Well-suited for a further 10 years of cellaring, it has great breadth, body and intensity. Serve slightly chilled. Recommended pairings include roasted white meats, buttery fish or green vegetables.*

Generous, intense and age-worthy.

