

# Lake Chalice 'The Falcon', Marlborough, Riesling 2019



An aromatic Riesling with an intriguing aroma of lemon and apricots with a balanced sweetness.

## Producer Note

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Lake Chalice was established in 1989 with a vision of producing internationally recognised wines from the heart of the Marlborough region. New Zealand's native falcon, the 'Kārearea', is proudly displayed on every bottle of Lake Chalice wine. Kārearea favour the remote mountains and foothills of the upper Awatere and Wairau valleys and these valleys are home to Lake Chalice's three unique vineyard sites. Each vineyard has a diverse microclimate, biodiversity and terroir which are seamlessly translated into multi award winning wines by talented winemaker Chloe Gabrielsen. Taking a boutique approach she handcrafts parcels of fruit from single vineyards into elegant, aromatic, fruit driven wines and has garnered a global reputation of outstanding quality. Certified 'Sustainable Winegrower of New Zealand'.

## Vintage

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Winter was not a particularly cold one, however some colder frosts were recorded during May and June; fortunately warming sunshine during the day alleviated pressure. Some showery weather was experienced in December, but after January the rain departed and settled weather arrived, bringing with it very warm temperatures and excellent conditions for harvest.

## Vineyard

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The fruit is harvested from a single vineyard, the Walsh block in the Woodbourne area of Marlborough's central Wairau region. The berries are carefully selected at harvest time and are picked at an average of only 19.8 Brix, in order to retain the fresh citrus flavours. The vineyard's stony, sandy soil results in low yields of intensely flavoured fruit from a combination of different pruning methods.

## Winemaking

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The grapes underwent a long, cool fermentation under temperature controlled conditions in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation was arrested in order to create an off-dry style and lower alcohol.

## Tasting Note

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A refreshing Riesling with enticing aromas of apple and pear layered with ripe and juicy citrus notes. Harmoniously balanced with great structure and a long, lingering off-dry finish.

## Grape

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Riesling 100%



Winemaker:	Chloe Gabrielsen
Region:	Marlborough
Sub region:	Marlborough
Country:	New Zealand
Alcohol:	10.5%
Dry/Sweet value:	4 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	14.9
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	5473219A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap