

Lake Chalice 'The Nest', Marlborough, Merlot 2017



An easy drinking and beautifully balanced Merlot, delivering ripe plum and forest fruit flavours complemented by a touch of chocolate and wild herbs.

Producer Note

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

2017 delivered a smaller than predicted crop for the Marlborough region. Cooler and wetter than average conditions meant the vineyards had to be closely monitored; however the grapes harvested were full of the vibrant, fruit-driven characteristics the region is renowned for.

Vineyard

The fruit is sourced primarily from Lake Chalice's estate-owned Falcon Block, near Renwick in the Rapaura district of the Wairau Valley. The Falcon Block sits on part of an old river bed and as a result has stony, sandy soils. The vines are low yielding but produce intensely flavoured fruit from a combination of different pruning methods.

Winemaking

The grapes were carefully sorted and vinified in stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was pressed and raked into a combination of French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks where it underwent malolactic fermentation. 60% of the wine was aged on the lees for a minimum of seven months in seasoned French oak.

Tasting Note

Vibrant aromas of ripe blueberries mingle with subtle notes of mulled spice. The full and generous palate delivers a sweetness of ripe plum and forest fruits, complemented by savoury overtones. Beautifully balanced and elegant on the finish.

Grape

Merlot 100%



Winemaker:	Chloe Gabrielsen
Region:	Marlborough
Sub region:	Marlborough
Country:	New Zealand
Alcohol:	12.5%
Body Value:	C (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	1
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/Yes
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	5474117A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap