

MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014



Technical Details

Harvest Date	March & April 2014
Alcohol	13% Vol.
Total Acidity	7.6 g/l
Residual Sugar	1.4 g/l
Bottling Date	4 June 2014
Fruit Source	100% Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

Winemaker's Notes

This 2014 Sauvignon Blanc has intense aromas of tropical fruits balanced with fresh herbaceous notes. The palate is well-structured and refreshing, crisp with great acidity. This classic herbaceous and tropical Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, the wine carries on long through the palate.

Vintage Conditions

The 2014 vintage was the warmest vintage of the last twenty years meaning excellent bud burst and fruit set. Intense flavours across all varieties arrived early. Cropping levels were the talk of the vintage. The vineyard team recognised early that larger crop levels were looming and were able to manage the crop to acceptable level. Rain threatened late during harvest but great planning meant all fruit was safely in the winery before the rain arrived.

Vinification

For our Stoneburn Sauvignon Blanc we preserve all the fresh fruit characters from the vineyard. Harvest takes place in the cool of the morning; all fruit is processed using anaerobic techniques, the fruit is de-stemmed, crushed and lightly pressed. The greatest care is taken to handle the fruit as little as possible during these processes thereby retaining maximum fruit character and aromas. The juice is clarified by cold settling, after which it is raked and then fermented for approximately 28 days. The fruit from each vineyard is fermented separately in individual stainless steel tanks whereby the different components of each are used to blend our own complex style of Stoneburn Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

Awards

SILVER – San Francisco International Wine Competition 2015

SILVER – New World Wine Awards 2014

SILVER – New Zealand International Wine Show 2014

4.5 STARS – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

“As you'd expect from a good sauvignon, this is bright, intense and aromatic on the nose displaying peach, feijoa, citrus and subtle herbaceous aromas. The palate is equally attractive with lovely juicy mouthfeel, nicely supported by refreshing acidity. Lively and tasty, and very easy on the palate.”

3 STARS – Raymond Chan, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews

“...The nose is full and voluminous with soft aromas of passionfruit and tropical fruits, with harmonious nuances of herbs and grass... shows moderately intense flavours of esters lifted passionfruit and limes. There is linearity, the palate carried by mouthwatering acidity, carrying through to a dry finish...”

REVIEW – Peter Saunders, Independent wine judge and author

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