

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
GRASAU	Gravel & Loam	New Zealand	Marlborough
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Sauvignon Blanc	13.5%	No	Screwcap

Background

The French call it “Terroir” but we call it “Gravel and Loam”. Deep in the Wairau Valley, the vineyard is spread over two terraces - the upper 33 hectares are certified BioGro organic whilst the remaining 37 hectares are conventionally farmed. The wines are produced in a way which reflect the typical characters of the region and surrounding environment while making a conscious effort to deliver outstanding value for money.

Winemaking

Each block is treated individually to ensure integrity of the vineyard and to retain the individual characters each site has to offer, as well as providing the best blending possibilities. The fruit is crushed, gently pressed and the resulting juice is settled before being cool fermented in stainless steel using different yeasts to add complexity. The wines are blended and balanced shortly after completing fermentation and prepared for bottling.

Sustainability

The estate is a Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand (SWNZ) member and proudly follows best practices under the sustainability framework, undergoing annual audits to ensure compliance.

During winter, sheep are given access to the vineyards for mowing, weed management and reducing the need for chemical intervention. The herd's biomass is also used to fertilise the land and all prunings are mulched and returned to soil. The winery also employs a state of the art water treatment; allowing the separation of solids before returning water into the system for reuse or delivering water direct to the vine root -minimising wastage. The winery also reduces its carbon footprint by bottling at facilities closest to the final market,

Tasting & Pairing

Bright, lively gooseberry aromas alongside notes of fresh herbs and grassy tones. Vibrant passion fruit, citrus and peach characters with top notes of melon and kiwi. Soft apple and white pear flavours balance. Well-structured zesty acidity with fantastic length and elegance.

Enjoy as an aperitif or with fresh, simply cooked seafood and light salads.

Sustainability & Extra Information

Vegetarian, Vegan

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