

# The CROSSINGS

AWATERE VALLEY · MARLBOROUGH



## AWATERE VALLEY, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

Beneath the towering peak of Mt. Tapuae-o-Uenuku, where early settlers crossed the fast-flowing Awatere River, our three distinct riverside vineyards produce wines of intense varietal character and vibrant acidity.

Sustainably grown in the premium sub-region of the Awatere Valley, The Crossings range of wines are a pure and elegant expression of Marlborough.

## THE CROSSINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021

### Tasting Note

The 2021 Crossings Sauvignon Blanc radiates purity of site. With layers of tropical fruits, herbal notes and flowering herbs, this wine has an enticing bouquet synonymous with Awatere Valley. The palate is brimming with pure fruit and bright fresh acidity that drives a complex and mineral finish.

Enjoy with both fresh and cooked seafood dishes such as classic fish and chips, fresh oysters and barbeque prawns.

### Viticulture & Winemaking

This is the earliest harvest on record since our inception on the 08.08.08. There were late spring frosts in Marlborough and some challenging weather over the flowering period, which resulted in moderate crops throughout the region. These moderate crops coupled with a warm and stable end to the growing season, set us up for an early start with stunning fruit. We had clear warm days throughout March, so we could pick at our leisure, without any pressure from the elements.

The resulting wine is showcases the wonderful hallmarks Awatere vineyards are known for – highly aromatic fruit flavours, with underlying purity and minerality.

The grapes were harvested in ideal condition, picking the terraced blocks at the point of optimum flavour development. Parcel of grapes from Willowflat, Medway and Brackenfield Vineyards (Awatere Valley) were picked and fermented separately, allowing us to enhance varietal character using carefully selected yeast strains. A long, cool fermentation took place to retain purity of flavours. The wine was then blended, stabilised and filtered prior to bottling. We were incredibly lucky to be granted permission to create these wines during the global pandemic crisis. For this reason, our 2020 wines carry some very unique memories.

### HARVEST DATES

12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

### VINEYARDS

Willowflat and Brackenfield  
Vineyards (Awatere Valley)

Alc: 13.0%

Titrateable Acid: 7.6 g/l

pH: 3.23

Residual Sugar: 3.5 g/l

Vegan Friendly

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