



2014 Elephant Hill Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

The grapes were all hand-picked from our Te Awanga vineyard which enjoys a temperate, dry climate and an extended growing season. Cooled by afternoon sea breezes this shingle vineyard allows us to make wines that display wonderful fruit purity and elegance. 2014 was a very good vintage allowing us to make a Reserve wine. The grapes were hand-picked over two separate picks from the stoniest block of the vineyard closest to the ocean. The vines were planted in 2003 and the stoney, free draining soil adds a minerality to the wine.

The grapes were whole-bunch pressed to enable gentle extraction of the juice and underwent a natural fermentation using indigenous yeast. 50% was fermented in old oak puncheons and 50% in stainless steel tank. The resulting wine was blended and allowed to rest in 3 year old oak on fine lees for eight months. Coupled with regular lees stirring, the wine has developed excellent texture and mouth-feel. What we are looking for is pure fruit expression, fine acidity with great texture, length and citrus characters.



Wine analysis

Alcohol Content (%v/v)	12.5
PH	3.2
TA	6.9
Residual Sugar (g/L)	2.5

Reviews

- 93 points - Bob Campbell MW
- 18/20 - Raymond Chan Wine Reviews
- 93 points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
- 91 points - Steve Tanzer, Vinous.com

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