



RAPAURA SPRINGS

- RESERVE -

SAUVIGNON BLANC MARLBOROUGH 2018

> OUR 'RESERVE'

Post-harvest, every year, each tank at our winery holds wine from single sites from around the Marlborough region. These wines are then taken through rigorous blind taste testing at the grading table until we have picked the very best wines that exhibit all the trademark characteristics found in our Reserve Sauvignon Blanc. This is the reason our wines have such concentrated, expressive flavours, year on year.

> VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The 2018 growing season in Marlborough was not without some challenges. December we enjoyed perfect flowering conditions, January was one of the warmest on record, February delivered some rain and March was characterised by extended dry periods and high sunshine hours. Despite all this, the fruit ripened nicely on the vines, earlier than normal, and we had clean, ripe and intensely flavoured fruit come harvest in April. Once pressed at the winery, the juice was cool fermented in stainless steel to retain those clean, crisp fruit flavours. Fruit from the Wairau Valley sub-region brings generous, ripe, passionfruit and tropical flavours, the Awatere Valley provides the lovely citrus grapefruit notes, the Dillon's Point imparts a delicious blackcurrant, herbal note and the Waihopai Valley offers a lovely mineral aspect to the wine.

> TASTING NOTE

Our 2018 Reserve Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc displays succulent passionfruit, guava, pineapple and pink grapefruit aromas which are underscored by a fresh herbal element. Lush layers of sweet melon, tropical and yellow stone fruit flavours are complemented by an attractive minerality. The palate is full and rich with a moreish ripe acidity and lingering finish.

> TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.0%
Total acidity	6.7 g/l
Residual sugar	2.9 g/l
Acidity (PH)	3.51
Harvest Brix	20.3 - 26.2° Brix

> PACKAGING

750ML Bottle
Barcode: 9421003771307
6 x 750ml Carton
Barcode: 19421003771403

> WINEMAKING TEAM

Michael Bann
Gus Altschwager
Matt Thomson

"Practically defines Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc"

Bob Campbell MW

ACCOLADES BY VINTAGE

Double Gold Medal

– China Wine and Spirits Awards | 2018

95pts and Top Rated Sauvignon Blanc

– Bob Campbell MW | 2017

Gold Medal

– NZ Int. Wine Show | 2016

Trophy Open White Wine

– Air NZ Wine Awards | 2015

Trophy Sauvignon Blanc

– Spiegelau Int. Wine Comp | 2014

