



BULL PADDOCK VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC – 2022

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of passionfruit, guava and tropical fruit that follow through to the palate. These intense fruit flavours are complemented by an intriguing saline minerality and vibrant acidity. This wine will continue to drink well for the next five years.

THE VINEYARD

Our Bull Paddock Vineyard is located in the Dillons Point sub-region of Marlborough's lower Wairau Valley. The land was originally used for raising bulls, before the Neylon family realised the potential of the site and planted it in Sauvignon Blanc. The young, free-draining, alluvial soils now produce grapes with elevated aromatics and ripe flavours. We believe this sub-region grows the best Sauvignon Blanc in all of Marlborough.

WINEMAKING

The 2022 growing season began with significant rain, marking the end of three years of drought in Marlborough. A period of warmth in early December produced a welcome and better than average fruit-set. In late February we had a couple of significant rains which replenished the soil moisture levels that had reduced during summer. During the two weeks that followed we had cool days and nights, which meant the acidities remained on the high side.

Harvest coincided with the peak of New Zealand's Omicron outbreak, which put some pressure on staffing. Excellent teamwork meant we were able to harvest our fruit as it was ready, retaining vibrant acidity and concentrated fruit flavour.

The Bull Paddock Vineyard is only minutes from our winery, the proximity minimises skin contact prior to pressing, allowing us to capture all the expressive fruit flavour and aroma, without bitter phenolics. After harvest, the grapes were gently pressed before individual parcels were batch fermented in stainless steel, using a selection of yeast strains chosen to enhance aromatics.

THE STORY

Our Single Vineyard wines hail from premium vineyard sites and represent the best of our region. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to

our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people.

ACCOLADES

- Judges Selection – Global Fine Wine Challenge 2022
- 95 Points – Bob Campbell 2022
- 5 Stars – Michael Cooper Buyers Guide 2022
- 96 Points - Wine Orbit 2022
- 96 Points – Candice Chow 2022
- 94 Points – David Walker Bell 2022
- 94 Points – Cameron Douglas MS 2022
- 91 Points – James Suckling 2022
- 5 Stars – Yvonne Lorkin 2022
- 19/20 – Joelle Thomson 2022
- 17 Points – Jancis Robinson 2023

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total acidity: 7.2g/l

Residual sugar: 1.7g/l

Bottle Barcode: 9421003771024

Carton Barcode: 19421003771038

