

CLASSIC



## RAPAURA SPRINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC – 2023

### TASTING NOTES

Pure and vibrant with layers of passionfruit, tropical fruit, and ripe citrus. Juicy fruit flavours and soft acidity combine to deliver a mouth-watering finish. Capturing all the trademark sub-regional flavours of Marlborough, this Sauvignon Blanc is sure to impress.

### WINEMAKING

The 2023 growing season started with above average bunch numbers in most districts in Marlborough. Unsettled and cooler weather over flowering resulted in loose and lighter bunches, with the net effect of producing average yields across most varieties and regions. The weather around the time of veraison was unstable, and at times threatening. We just missed out on the destruction of the cyclone that hit the east coast of the North Island. The weather then settled into a pattern reminiscent of the harvests in the early 2000s. The nights were particularly cool, and this helped to arrest any small levels of botrytis that had started in the early unsettled weather. It was a vintage where patience was rewarded and those who waited harvested fully ripe grapes with concentrated flavours and classic acidity.

The extended ripening period allowed us to harvest Sauvignon Blanc as it was perfectly ripe, the fruit was then taken straight to our winery located in the lower-Wairau valley. The fruit was gently pressed, and batch fermented at cool temperatures, using a variety of

yeast strains, to capture the vibrant fruit flavours and aromatics from our Marlborough vineyards. The 2023 fruit quality is exceptional, we are proud to share these wines with you.

### THE STORY

Our Classic wines capture the most vibrant flavours of each variety. 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

Gold - NZIWS 2023

Gold - Mundus Vini 2023

90 Points - Decanter 2023

93 Points - Candice Chow 2023

93 Points - Wine Orbit, Sam Kim 2023

Alcohol: 13%

Bottle Barcode: 9421003771161

Carton Barcode: 19421003771199

