

RAPAURA SPRINGS

ROHE

BLIND RIVER SAUVIGNON BLANC – 2021

TASTING NOTES

Intensely aromatic with lemongrass and ripe citrus aromas and concentrated fruit flavour. The palate is weighty with mouth-filling layers of ripe grapefruit, lemongrass and melon. The mouth-watering acidity helps drive a lengthy finish. This wine is immediately expressive but will continue to drink well for the next five years.

THE SUB-REGION

Blind River is the driest, coolest and most wind-swept sub-region in Marlborough. Grapes grown here develop unique and intensified flavours as the grapevines are naturally restricted. The soils in this region are typically free-draining, with a diverse composition of stone materials.

WINEMAKING

2021 was another unique vintage, one of the earliest and shortest on record. The growing season was the third in a series of drought vintages, the stress on the vines was compounded by a huge wind run. The combination of some early frost events and a poor flowering resulted in lower yields and smaller bunches than usual. This, combined with the dry conditions, has meant that disease levels are incredibly low this year, resulting in better flavours

and pristine fruit with good concentration. After harvest, the Blind River Sauvignon Blanc was gently pressed before individual parcels were batch fermented in stainless steel with selected yeast strains to retain the vibrant fruit characters unique to this sub-region.

THE STORY

Rohe, meaning territory in Te Reo Māori, is a range of wines that showcase Marlborough's sub-regions and share our perspective of a remarkable 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

Double Gold – NZIWS, 2020

97 Points – Decanter Wine Show, 2019

95 Points – Bob Campbell MW, 2018

94 Points – Bob Campbell MW, 2020

93 Points – Cameron Douglas MS, 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total acidity: 6.8g/l

Residual sugar: 3.6g/l

Bottle Barcode: 9421003772076

Carton Barcode: 1942100377208

