

RAPAURA SPRINGS

# ROHE

## BLIND RIVER SAUVIGNON BLANC – 2022

### 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

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.

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 aromatics and 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

- 5 Stars – Michael Cooper Buyers Guide 2022
- 95 Points – Wine Orbit, Sam Kim 2022
- 94 Points – Candice Chow 2022
- 93 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2022
- 93 Points – David Walker -Bell 2022
- 92 Points – Cameron Douglas MS 2022
- 91 Points – James Suckling 2022

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total acidity: 7.2g/l

Residual sugar: 5.2g/l

Bottle Barcode: 9421003772076

Carton Barcode: 19421003772080

