

RAPAURA SPRINGS

ROHE

DILLONS POINT SAUVIGNON BLANC – 2022

TASTING NOTES

This wine oozes ripeness, with expressive aromas of passionfruit, tropical fruit, blackcurrant and boxwood. The palate reflects the nose with intense fruit characters, balanced with a salty minerality and mouth-watering acidity. This wine is immediately expressive but will continue to drink well for the next three years.

THE SUB-REGION

Dillon's Point is defined by the confluence of the Wairau and Ōpaoa Rivers, near Marlborough's coast. The sub-region has deep, young, mineral-rich alluvial silts, layered over sand, which our Sauvignon Blanc vines thrive on.

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 Dillons Point 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

5 Stars – Michael Cooper Buyers Guide 2022

95 Points – Wine Orbit 2022

94 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2022

94 Points – David Walker-Bell 2022

94 Points – Candice Chow 2022

93 Points – Cameron Douglas MS 2022

91 Points – James Suckling 2022

17 Points - Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 2023

Runner-up Double Gold - Global Fine Wine Challenge 2022

Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2022

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total acidity: 6.8g/l

Residual sugar: 3.6g/l

Bottle Barcode: 9421003772298

Carton Barcode: 19421003772301

