

RAPAURA SPRINGS

# ROHE

## RAPAURA SAUVIGNON BLANC – 2022

### TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of ripe passionfruit and blackcurrant follow through to the palate. These intense fruit characters are laced with a vein of gooseberry and herb. This wine is immediately appealing but will continue to evolve over the next three years.

### THE SUB-REGION

Rapaura is one of the oldest and most recognised sub-regions of Marlborough. The soils are very young, alluvial, Wairau silts, layered over braids of gravel. The sub-region borders the Wairau River and is renowned for producing ripe, aromatic Sauvignon Blanc.

### 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 Rapaura Sauvignon Blanc was gently pressed before individual parcels were batch fermented in stainless steel with selected yeast strains to retain the vibrant 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

Rohe Rapaura Sauvignon Blanc 2022  
Gold Medal – National Wine Awards of Aotearoa NZ 2022

95 Points – Wine Orbit 2022

94 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2022

Excellent – Mark Henderson 2022

95 Points – Candice Chow 2022

93 Points – David Walker-Bell 2022

93 Points – Cameron Douglas MS 2022

92 Points – Wine Rater New Release 2022

90 Points – James Suckling 2022

18.5/20 – Joelle Thomson 2022

4.5 Stars – Michael Cooper Buyers Guide 2022

4.5 Stars – Yvonne Lorkin 2022

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