

Saint Clair Wairau Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

Intense passionfruit, gooseberry and blackcurrant bud aromas with a rich, salty mineral palate.

Colour:

Pale straw.

Aroma:

Intensely fragrant with passionfruit, blackcurrant bud and gooseberry with notes of tarragon and flint.

Palate:

Rich and salty with tropical fruit, combined with crushed mineral and wonderful length.

Ageing Potential:

Drinking beautifully now and will be at its best over the next two years.

Viticulture:

Proximity to the ocean sees stronger maritime influences on the vineyards in the lower Wairau Valley where fruit for the Saint Clair Wairau Reserve Sauvignon Blanc was grown. The daytime temperatures are warm, facilitating ripening, while the night temperatures are typically cooler than the central and upper parts of the Wairau Valley. This promotes increased hang time and flavour development. Nutrient rich soils deposited over time due to non-erosive flooding (prior to stop bank flood protection

being introduced) have formed even and fertile sites. The nutrient hungry Sauvignon Blanc vines utilise this fertility to produce ultra-concentrated flavours and aromas.

Winemaking:

The juice was pressed off immediately to minimize skin contact and juice deterioration following harvesting. After settling the juice was fermented in stainless steel using a selected yeast. The fermentation was carried out at cool temperatures to retain varietal characters and freshness. This parcel was identified by our winemaking team during comprehensive blind tastings as the very best batch of wine produced this vintage and therefore bottled as the Saint Clair Wairau Reserve.

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 13.5% v/v
Acidity 7.3 g/litre
Residual Sugar 3.1 g/litre
pH 3.18

Food Match:

An exceptional food wine which will match perfectly with freshly shucked oysters or mussels.



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