

Vintage 2018

2018 SAINT CLAIR DAWN MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE



*Hand crafted, bottle aged and fermented Marlborough
Méthode Traditionnelle.*

*Created in celebration of and tribute to Dawn Abbotson,
the matriarch of Saint Clair, who accomplished one
hundred years on 12 December 2014.*

Harvested:

March 2018

Tirage:

March 2019

Dosage:

September 2021

Colour:

Medium straw coloured with a lasting,
fine bead.

Aroma:

Elegant and inviting. Biscuit, baked
pastry, meringue, wafer and lemon zest
combine with layers of citrus fruit and
oyster shell.

Palate:

A subtle citrus thread with brazil nut
and pastry characters, biscuit and dried
fruits. Elegant and complex with a rich
palate and fine mousse.

Ageing potential:

Will benefit from careful, horizontal
cellaring for ten years and beyond.

Viticulture:

Sourced from the well-drained stone
and sand alluvium of Rapaura Road,
in vineyards overlooked by the Saint
Clair Vineyard Kitchen.

A blend of 70 percent clone 95
Chardonnay and 30 percent Clone 5
Pinot Noir grown on spur pruned and
sylvos trained, 20 year old vines.

Winemaking:

Hand harvested and whole bunch
pressed, the free run Chardonnay
juice was steel tank fermented and
underwent malolactic fermentation in
late spring, stirred on lees throughout.
The Pinot Noir was lightly pressed and
fermented cool in seasoned French
barriques, allowed to mature on light
lees until blending in early January
of the next year to prepare for tirage
nearly one year from the harvest date.

The bottle fermentation took place
over three months with bottles left to
rest for a further 30 months until being
disgorged and liqueur de dosage added

Wine analysis:

Alcohol 11.5% v/v, Residual sugar
6g/L, Acidity 6.6g/L, pH 3.27

Food match:

Perfect for celebration, as an aperitif or
match with freshly shucked oysters.



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