

# Mārama Sauvignon Blanc 2022



pH - 3.22 TA - 7 g/L RS - 0 g/L Alc - 12.5%

Total SO2 - 73 ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek
Yield - 14 tonnes / hectare
Oak - 14 months, barrel ferment

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

## Tasting Notes

Sourced from a single parcel of Sauvignon Blanc from our biodynamically farmed Raupo Creek vineyard in the OmakaValley. Mārama shows the depth and complexity that Sauvignon Blanc can present, when grown and crafted with a different philosophy in mind. Fleshy and concentrated, Marama is laden with aromas of tropical fruits that marry with flinty, savoury notes. Wild fermentation, extended lees contact and barrel ageing, including new French oak, have ensured that the palate is complex, full and structured A hugely evocative and seductive wine. Drink now and cellar up to 2033.

## Winemaking

Hand harvested and whole bunch pressed, with the free run settled before being racked to French oak barrels and puncheons. Each individual component fermented naturally on lees and went through malolactic fermentation during this period After 14 months on lees in oak, the components were blended and filtered prior to bottling. 23% new oak is included in this blend.

#### Vintage

2022 will be remembered for its challenging nature, which kept us on our toes after a run of remarkably effortless vintages in a row. Dry, stable weather over flowering led to an abundant fruit set, and with consistent small rain, we enjoyed fantastic vigour across the whole vineyard. Leading into the harvest period the region endured some significant rainfall, which increased berry and bunch size, but also disease pressure. Luckily, we had an excellent team working tirelessly in the vineyard to mitigate this and we cropped thin throughout the whole vineyard, with an extra focus on the Pinot Noir. We started picking Pinot Noir on 16th March and finished picking with a botrytis-style Riesling on 19th May.

It must be said, after the early and fast and furious nature of the previous vintages, a vintage that started a touch later and spread out between each variety was really welcomed. With a great picking team and a focus solely on the Raupo vineyard, we were able to pick each plot before any real disease pressure took hold.

### Viticulture

Our clay-rich Raupo vineyard, farmed following organic and biodynamic principles is located in the centre of the OmakaValley. This vineyard has a gentle north-west facing aspect and enjoys high sunshine hours and minimal rain.



