

Sauvignon Blanc 2021



pH - 3.15

TA - 7.0

Rs - 0 g/L

Alc - 13%

Total SO2 - 66ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek

Blend - 91% Sauvignon Blanc, 9% Sémillon

Clones - MS, 316, 317 (Sauvignon Blanc),

BVRC14 (Sémillon) Yield: 10 Tonnes/hectare

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

Tasting Notes

Brimming with notes of passionfruit and ripe exotic fruits, intertwined with rich savoury notes. The inclusion of Semillon, natural fermentation and aging on lees in oak have all aided in creating a complex, stylish Sauvignon Blanc that walks the fine line between complexity and drinkability. Bone dry, textural and supported by vibrant acidity on the finish.

Winemaking

Four parcels of fruit were picked from our biodynamic vineyard, Raupo Creek. The free run juice was settled naturally, then transferred to either a small stainless steel tank or older French oak barriques and puncheons, whereby each parcel undertook and completed fermentation naturally. After a long period of fermentation (8-16 weeks) each parcel was racked and topped with a further portion going to barrique for aging and a small addition of sulphur. The parcels remained on lees for 7 months, then were blended, stabilised and filtered. A small portion of Semillon (9%) is included in the blend. The portion of barrel fermentation is 27% and aging is 48%. There is no new oak in this wine.

Vintage

After a mild winter, there was a period of quite heavy frost events, that kept the vineyard team on their toes ensuring all of the fragile young shoots were protected. After overcoming this, growth was great and consistent across the whole vineyard. However during flowering a combination of lower temperatures and rainfall did not allow all of the flowers to set, and culminated in many flowers setting at different times. This resulted in markedly small bunches and a good deal of hen and chicken throughout the vineyard, particularly in our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir plots.

During the last piece of the growing season, the weather was on our side and provided beautiful summer days yet cold nights, that aided in retaining decent acidity, and extremely clean fruit which enabled the team to make picking decisions at exactly the right moment for each plot on the vineyard. We will remember this vintage as being one of the best yet for overall quality - full of flavours but very light on yields.

Viticulture

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



