

Mārama Sauvignon Blanc 2021



pH - 3.08

TA - 7.6

RS - 0 g/l

Alc - 13.5%

Total SO2 - 50ppm

Vineyard - Raupo

Yield - 10 Tonnes/ hectare

Oak - 15 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 Omaka Valley. Marama shows the wonderful diversity that Sauvignon Blanc can show, when grown and crafted with a different philosophy in mind. Ripe and concentrated, Marama is laden with aromas of tropical fruits combined with flinty, savoury notes. Wild fermentation, extended lees contact and barrel aging has ensured that the palate is complex, full and structured. The finish is characterised by delicious, salty acidity. A hugely evocative and seductive wine. Drink now and cellar up to 2032.

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 also went through malolactic fermentation during this period. After 15 months on lees in oak, the components were blended and filtered prior to bottling. 30% new oak is included in this blend.

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.



