

# WAIMAUNGA

WINDBLOWN CLAYS

SINGLE VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC

Fresh citrus notes on the nose with a hint of honeysuckle. The palate is very crisp and vibrant, lemon and lime zest flavours are balanced with a lingering minerality topped by a gooseberry bite on the finish..

## TECHNICAL

### TERROIR

Broadbridge and Wither Clays

### CLIMATE

Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.

### YIELD

8.5 t/ha

### VINE AGE

15 - 20 years old vines

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### AGEING POTENTIAL

5 - 10 years from vintage

### RAINFALL

309 mm vs *LTA* 387 mm

### SUNSHINE HOURS

2,523 hours vs *LTA* 2470 mm

### PAIRING SUGGESTION

Freshly caught oysters and a lemon reduction, or with a creamy Brie and fresh bread.

## TERROIR & VITICULTURE

Named after the **ancient glaciation** period that formed this exceptional terroir, **Waimaunga** offers the purest expression of Sauvignon Blanc from the clay soils.

Following the French tradition, our vineyard is planted in **high density**. This encourages competition between vines and restrains vigour; ensuring grapes divert their energy into the grapes (rather than the canopy) - resulting in concentrated berries. **Dry farming** and **organic practices** also allows us to ensure **natural vine balance** is achieved by stressing the vines just to the right level. This forces the roots to go deeper in the soil, obtaining the purest expression of our terroir and showing more **minerality** from the stone soils.

## WINEMAKING

Once received in the winery, gentle pressing straight to tank allows us to retain the aromatic freshness of the wine. Fermentation occurs in **85% stainless steel**; while the remaining **15% is wild fermented** in older French oak barrels and Austrian oak demi-muids (600L). The wine is then aged on **fine yeast lees** for 8 months with **lees stirring**, which enables us to obtain a round Sauvignon Blanc with body and mouthfeel. A further 6 months of tank and barrel ageing is employed to ensure **wine balance** is attained before bottling.

