

MIDDLE-EARTH™

NEW ZEALAND WINE

VARIETAL: Sauvignon Blanc 2018

VINEYARD: Windmill & LRV

HARVEST: April 2018

YIELD: 10 tons per hectare

BARREL AGING: Nil, stainless steel

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 4.3g/L

PH: 3.1

T/A: 7.5g/L

PRODUCTION:

Four parcels of Sauvignon Blanc were harvested for this wine.. The first on the 11th March and the last almost four weeks later on the 5th April. This passage of time and spread of vineyards giving us a nice spectrum of flavours across the different parcels. We have found machining to be the best technique for harvesting Sauvignon Blanc as it enables us to remove the fruit quickly when the temperature is cool minimising oxidation, the skin contact with juice during transportation and processing at the winery most definitely contributing to the concentration of flavour and fine phenolic structure obtained in the juice. Once at the winery the must was further de-stemmed and transferred to the press. A gentle press cycle was used and press fractions separated from the free run and light pressings. The juice was then cold settled for several days to achieve low solids prior to ferment promoting a crisper more aromatic ferment. Each parcel of juice was inoculated with a different Sauvignon yeast chosen for the attributes they would bring to the finished wine. The ferments were conducted slowly at cool temperatures. Once only a dash of sugar remained the ferments were arrested. A portion of the final blend then underwent some time on yeast lees with stirring to enhance texture and mouth-feel before blending and finishing for the first bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Fruity, varietal and fresh. Flavours of lime, tangerine and fresh herbs. Aromas of honey suckle and gooseberry crumble. Lovely mouth-filling texture with gentle tropical overtones and a juicy persistent finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Sauvignon Blanc's 'zing' is a delightful complement to dishes with fresh herbs, green vegetables, seafood or fresh goats cheese. Enhance the effect with a citrus or garlic garnish. Or simply enjoy as a refreshing aperitif.

