



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS  
— MARLBOROUGH —

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## RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

**Region:** Marlborough

**Winemaker:** Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

**Alcohol:** 13% **pH:** 3.25 **RS:** 2 g/L

**TA:** 6.9 g/L **Brix:** 20.9 - 21.7

### Tasting Notes

Pink grapefruit, fresh lime, floral, juicy gooseberry, capsicum (bell pepper) and a subtle smoky note combine to produce a complex, intriguing nose. The palate is zesty, concentrated, dry and chalky with nettle, green capsicum and citrus flavours. It is fleshy and textural and leaves a delicious lasting impression.

### Winemaker's Notes

2017 was a vintage with some inclement weather that really rewarded those producers who were nimble on their feet and picked on flavours as opposed to analysis. This wine is a reflection of how seriously we take this variety. Fermented 80% in stainless steel tank, 20% wild fermentation in old French oak barrels. The tank fermentation provided lifted fruit notes so typical of Marlborough whereas the wild fermentation in the old barrels provides texture and enhances the wine's mineral tones. The wine was allowed to rest on the yeast lees post fermentation for five months before bottling.

### Viticulture Notes

Harvested in near perfect condition, a blend of our Waihopai (66%) and Awatere (20%) vineyards with the balance (14%) coming from the Woodward vineyard in the Wairau Valley, located just a few hundred metres from the Lawson's Dry Hills winery on Alabama Road. The soils are a mix of silt loams over clay.

### Cellaring

Cellar for up to four years.

### Food Match

Vegan friendly wine - Wonderful with a Greek salad, seafood dishes, oysters, fresh green herbs, tomato-based sauces and of course, fresh Marlborough green-lipped mussels.



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### Awards & Reviews

Michael Cooper - Four stars

★★★★

Marlborough Wine Show 2017 - Silver Medal

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