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RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 13% **pH:** 3.25 **RS:** 3.8g/L

TA: 6.8g/L **Brix:** 21.5 - 22.3

Tasting Notes

Intense aromas of lemongrass, fresh green herbs and passionfruit dominate, whilst tropical fruits and some mealy, savoury notes provide background interest. The palate is crisp, dry and mealy with a lovely chalky minerality, bags of citrus, tropical fruit and loads of fresh cut grass.

Winemaker's Notes

70% of the blend was inoculated with a specially selected aromatic yeast, the remaining 30% was fermented with wild yeast in both stainless steel tanks (15%) and older French oak barriques and puncheons (15%).

Viticulture Notes

2016 was a great vintage for Sauvignon Blanc with a wide range of flavours evident in the grapes, which has translated into wines with complexity and depth. This wine is a blend of our own vineyards, predominantly Waihopai Valley (72%) with 21.5% from our Chaytors Road vineyard and the balance from our vineyard in the Awatere Valley. The 2016 season allowed us to pick relatively early with wonderfully developed flavours and the grapes in perfect condition.

Cellaring

Two to four years

Food Match

Vegan friendly wine - Grilled crayfish with herb butter, asparagus with lemon, olive oil and feta cheese.



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Awards & Reviews

Taste Magazine (NZ) - Best Sauvignon Blancs \$20.00-\$30.00

Weighty wine with impressive concentration and complexity. Passionfruit, struck match/mineral and green capsicum flavours with a suggestion of cashew nut.

Bob Campbell MW - Five Stars - 95 points.

★★★★★

Weighty wine with greater concentration and complexity than the regular label. Passionfruit, struck match, mineral and green capsicum flavours, with a suggestion of cashew nut. An impressive wine with development potential

Cuisine Magazine issue 180 - Five Stars and Top 10

★★★★★

Smokey intrigue greets the nostrils. Aline of flinty smokiness extends across the palate, providing focus and texture, harmonising with the white peach and greengage notes. This is a wine you would happily match with steamed Marlborough mussels.

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