



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyard

100% Redwood Hills Vineyard, Awatere Valley, Marlborough.

Wine analysis

Alc – 13.0%

pH – 3.20

T.A – 6.0 g/L

R.S – 1.5 g/L

Vineyard

Pruned to 3 canes, on VSP trellising. The fruit for this wine was sourced from select blocks in the middle and upper slopes of our Redwood hills Awatere Valley vineyard. These blocks have been historically the most intensely flavoured and balanced in the vineyard. Careful canopy and yield management was used to accentuate these positive characteristics.

Winemaking

The fruit was hand-harvested and whole bunch pressed to give us some beautiful pristine juice to work with. This juice was dropped down, without settling, to 320 L French oak cigars for indigenous fermentation. The cigar shape barrels were chosen as they increase the surface area of the lees, which helps to build weight and texture.

The wine was left un-sulphured on gross lees over the winter. After nine months of maturation, a selection of the best barrels was then blended, finished, and bottled as our 2018 Sauvignon Blanc Oke.

Tasting note

Aromatically the wine gives impressions of stone fruit, citrus blossom, and tropical notes, all supported by lightly smoked oak with a hint of flint and vanilla pod.

The palate is equally as complex and generous. Tropical fruits are balanced by lemongrass, fennel and citrus themes. The oak provides a savoury element to the wine; caramel and vanilla notes combined with toasted cashew and spice.

This wine is a celebration of Marlborough and is perfectly suited to fresh seafood and light poultry dishes.

Vintage summary

The 2017/2018 growing season was characterised by a hot, dry summer, with healthy looking canopies and slightly lower than average bunch counts. This was followed by an extremely wet February, and then more sun in March. Flavours developed well during the warm months and so harvest started early. Low cropping regimes coupled with extensive “hands on” viticulture ensured there was sufficient fruit to make this prestigious cuvee.

Awards and Accolades

- Sydney Top 100 & Gold Medal, Sydney International Wine Show 2020
- 95 Points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
- 94 Points, Cameron Douglas, MS
- 94 Points, Excellent, NZ Wine Rater
- 93 Points, Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020
- 92 Points, James Suckling.com, Nick Stock New Zealand Tasting 2019 (US)
- 91 Points, Wine Advocate (US)

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