



## 2019 Elephant Hill Sea Sauvignon Blanc

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Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The Southern Pacific Ocean neighbouring our Te Awanga Estate vineyard is the inspiration for the growing of our 'Sea' wines.

## Vintage Overview

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An incredible vintage for Hawke's Bay, one of the great years. Overall, the season was very warm with a total heat summation (1,425 Growing Degree Days) well above the Long-Term Average. The key ripening months of January and February were warm and dry. This combined with low crop yields, good flavour and careful selection allowed us to harvest fruit in excellent condition in the 2nd week of March.

## Winemaking

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Hand harvested Sauvignon Blanc, gently pressed, and the resulting juice was briefly settled and raked to tank and seasoned French oak for fermentation. The wine was matured on fine lees for 11 months with occasional stirring, adding texture and complexity to the wine's core of fruit purity

## Tasting Note

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Intense and attractive sauvignon with a saline, oyster-shell, citrus and subtle gingery yeast lees flavours. Great purity and power. Very impressive. (Bob Campbell MW)

## Review

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95 points, Bob Campbell MW  
95 points, Cameron Douglas MS  
92 points, Rebecca Gibb MW  
91 points, James Suckling

## Technical Data

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Wine	Vineyard
Alcohol content: 13%	100% SEA (Te Awanga)
Residual Sugar: 1.9g/L	
pH: 3.02	
TA: 7.3g/L	



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