

Vintage 2015

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2015 SAINT CLAIR DAWN MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE



*Hand crafted, bottle aged and fermented Marlborough
Méthode Traditionnelle.*

*Created in celebration of and tribute to Dawn Abbotson,
the matriarch of Saint Clair, who accomplished one
hundred years on 12 December 2014*

Harvested:

March 2015

Tirage:

March 2016

Dosage:

July 2019

Colour:

Medium straw coloured with a lasting,
fine bead.

Aroma:

Elegant and inviting. Aromas of biscuit,
baked pastry and lemon zest combine
with layers of citrus fruit and oyster
shell.

Palate:

Flavours of walnut, biscuit and pastry
with a subtle citrus thread and a hint
of stone fruit. Elegant and complex
with a rich palate and fine mousse.

Ageing potential:

Will benefit from careful cellaring for
ten years and beyond.

Viticulture:

Sourced from the well-drained stone
and sand alluvium of Rapaura Road,
in vineyards overlooked by the Saint
Clair Vineyard Kitchen.

A blend of 65 percent clone 95
Chardonnay, 30 percent Clone 5 Pinot
Noir and 5 percent Pinot Meunier
grown on spur pruned and sylvos
trained, 20 year old vines.

Winemaking:

Hand harvested and whole bunch
pressed, the free run Chardonnay juice
was steel tank fermented and left to
undergo malolactic fermentation in
late spring, stirred on lees throughout.
The Pinot Noir was lightly pressed and
fermented cool in seasoned French
barriques, allowed to mature on light
lees until blending in early January
of the next year to prepare for tirage
nearly one year from the harvest date.

The bottle fermentation took place
over three months with bottles left to
rest for thirty-nine months until being
disgorged and liqueur de dosage added.

Wine analysis:

Alcohol 12.0% v/v, Residual sugar
6.0g/L, Acidity 7.1g/L, pH 3.20

Food match:

Perfect for celebration, as an aperitif or
match with freshly shucked oysters.

SENIOR WINEMAKERS:
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