

LIME ROCK



WINES

LIME ROCK SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

This 100% LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc, grown on limestone hills, is from a single vineyard and from low yielding vines. The grapes were carefully handpicked.

The Vineyard and season

The 2015 autumn was excellent for ripening Sauvignon Blanc with medium day temperatures and cool nights. We picked mid-April with a low yield of around 4kg/vine.



Our Sauvignon Blanc is grown on 5 blocks within our vineyard;
C block is high on top (a wind-blown flat area with magnificent views)
J block is on the north facing slopes to the far east of the vineyard.
G block is a flat area by the road, 40 metres lower with deeper soils.
And there are some younger vines on rootstock in 2 blocks that have exposed and flavoursome grapes. These different blocks give a range of flavours and these vary from year to year.

Winemaking

The whole bunches were pressed, juice was settled, racked and inoculated. The cool ferment in stainless steel helps to retain the fragrant fruit characters and the short maturation on lees with stirring contributes to texture and length in the mouth.

Harvest: 17 – 19th April, 2015 **Analysis:** Brix 22.6 pH 3.04 Total Acid 9.5g/l
Bottled: July, 2016 **Analyses:** Alcohol 13.0% Total Acid 6.7g/l Residual Sugar 2.8g/l

Wine description

'Complex, pure, refreshing, inviting and youthful bouquet. Aromas and flavours of citrus, yellow and white orchard fruits, a saline and mineral core, leesy textures and salivating acid line. The texture of this wine is as interesting and intriguing as the core of fruit and varietal reminders of sweet herb and tropical fruit. A delightful example with best drinking from today and through 2022'. **94 Points**

Cameron Douglas (Master Sommelier, New Zealand) The Shout magazine July 2020

'It is unusual to taste new world Sauvignon Blanc with some bottle age and for a 2015 vintage this wine is phenomenal; it has notable energy and surprisingly persistent acidity (for the age that is).

The mineral texture of this wine is crunchy but turns into silk on the palate. An elegant wine that is very complex! The classic green vegetal flavours are harmonised with gooseberries, citrus fruit and tropical fruit nuances with minerality that shines on the finish. The wine has length.

In the glass...Old world meets new world in perfect harmony. Mirrors Sancerre Mont Damnes' quality and complexity at a fraction of the price.' **(Reviewed in the UK 2021)**

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