

RIMAPERE  
2023  
MARLBOROUGH



Baron Benjamin de Rothschild had the real desire to create his own sauvignon blanc. He purchased around 24 hectares of vineyard, ideally situated on the prestigious Rapaura Road, in the heart of the Marlborough region of New Zealand. This area's cool climate is perfect for ripening high quality Sauvignon Blanc grapes and providing them with their typical lemon and grapefruit flavours, together with crisp acidity. The wines come from a single vineyard named Rimapere, meaning "five arrows" in Māori and simultaneously honours the Rothschild's family coat of arms (five arrows symbolising the five sons of dynasty founder Mayer Amschel Rothschild) and traditional New Zealand culture...

THE VINEYARD AREA : 24 ha  
BLEND : 100% sauvignon blanc  
ALCOHOL : 12.5%





#### THE VINEYARD

SOIL TYPE: Rapaura Series, Stony Soil free draining, with a small Silty top layer  
AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES: 18 years  
VINE DENSITY: 2 220 vines/ha  
GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Sauvignon blanc  
PRUNING: Cane pruned (Guyot type)  
VINE MANAGEMENT: Grass cover between the rows, Organic in conversion  
HARVEST: Mechanical picking  
HARVEST PERIOD: 28th March to 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### THE WINE

WINEMAKING: Gentle pneumatic pressing, cold settling, fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for 3 weeks (11 to 18°C)  
AGEING: Stainless steel vats  
AGEING DURATION: 5 months  
PRODUCTION: 180,000 bottles

#### TASTING COMMENTS

-  Bright pale straw with lustrous green hues
-  With classic Marlborough zest and lift, this wine displays the scents of spring with notes of white blossom, citrus and lemon sherbet.
-  Citrus and passionfruit flavours with a full flavoured middle from concentrated fruit with the distinctive Rapaura flinty and mineral finish
-  1 to 3 years.

#### FOOD & WINE PAIRINGS

Can be enjoyed on its own as an aperitif or with a carpaccio of scallops

#### RATINGS & COMMENTS

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