

Vintage 2014

2014 SAINT CLAIR DAWN MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE SPECIAL RESERVE



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

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

Harvested:

March 2014

Tirage:

March 2015

Dosage:

July 2022

Colour:

Medium straw coloured with a lasting,
fine bead.

Aroma:

Toasted almond, savoury yeast
autolysis, citrus zest and biscuit aromas.
Incredibly diverse secondary aromas.

Palate:

Exquisite richness and focus, brioche
like autolysis, with yellow apple,
dried fruits and an exceptionally well
developed secondary flavour spectrum.

Ageing potential:

Will benefit from careful, horizontal
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 52% clone 95 Chardonnay
and 43% Clone 5 Pinot Noir grown on
spur pruned and sylvos trained 20 year
old vines, including 5% Pinot Meunier.

Winemaking:

Hand harvested and whole bunch
pressed, the free run Chardonnay juice
is steel tank fermented and left to
undergo malolactic fermentation until
late spring, stirred on lees throughout.
The Pinot Noir is light pressed
and fermented cool in old 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 takes place
over 6 weeks and bottles left to rest
for 90 months (7.5 years) until being
disgorged and liqueur de dosage is
added.

Wine analysis:

Alcohol 11.6% v/v, Residual sugar
4.0g/L, Acidity 6.4g/L, pH 3.20

Food match:

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

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