

Čuvar Iris Collection Sauvignon Blanc 2026

VINTAGE

The 2026 growing season delivered one of our earliest harvests. Warm conditions, paired with settled, dry weather through February and March, provided ideal ripening conditions, producing fruit of exceptional quality and flavour concentration. The wines display remarkable balance, purity, and intensity, making 2026 a truly exceptional year for Hawke's Bay.

VINEYARD

Te Hau, Matapiro

Located in one of the coldest sub-regions in Hawke's Bay, Te Hau is an elevated and inland vineyard that experiences long, warm days and cool nights. Vines lie on soils made up of a thin layer of windblown loess that cover old, coarse red gravels combined with layers of volcanic silt.

TECH NOTES

PH : 3.07	TA : 6.8 gl	ALC : 13.0%	Residual Sugar : 1.3 g/L
Standard Drinks : 7.7		Variety : Sauvignon Blanc	
Bottled: May 2026		Vegan Friendly	

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Fresh aromas of lime zest, citrus and white flowers lead into a vibrant, dry wine with plenty of texture. Flavours of melon and grapefruit bring brightness to the palate, while a partial barrel ferment adds subtle complexity and a gentle mineral edge. Crisp acidity keeps everything lively and fresh through the finish.

WINEMAKING

FRUIT HANDLING:

Harvested early in the morning and gently pressed to tank for a light overnight settling.

FERMENTATION AND MATURATION:

70% Racked to tank for a cool fermentation.

30% transferred to older French Puncheons and barriques for barrel fermentation at 22 deg C.

Blended post ferment and aged on light lees for 3 months.

White flowers and lime zest

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