LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
MARLBOROUGH

Blind River Sauvignon Blanc 2025



Tasting Notes

This vineyard consistently produces wines of remarkable transparency, clearly expressing their unique sense of place. The aroma of this 2025 wine showcases classic Awatere green notes of tomato stalk and jalapeño, perfectly balanced by riper notes of passionfruit, lime and rock melon. The palate is crisp, dry and lively, finishing with a lovely chalky minerality.

Vineyards and viticulture

Situated in Marlborough's beautiful Awatere Valley between the Pacific Ocean and Mount Tapuaenuku, the vineyard benefits from a cool, maritime-influenced microclimate. The grapes are grown on only two or three canes (vine branches), as opposed to the usual four, to limit yields and increase the intensity of aromas and flavours. The 2025 growing season featured good flowering and a warm, dry summer. These favourable conditions meant we could harvest each vineyard block at peak ripeness and with plenty of intense aromas and flavours.

Winemaking

To highlight the site's natural character, the winemaking approach is to merely guide the flavours into the glass. After gently pressing the grapes, the juice was fermented in stainless steel with selected cultured yeasts to preserve freshness. However, a small portion (10%) was fermented in old French barriques, with only wild yeast (naturally present on the grape skins) for added texture and complexity. Each block was vinified separately, then blended to achieve expression and balance in the final wine.

100% Sauvignon Blanc, Alc 13.0%, TA 6.2, RS 3.1g/L, pH3.31. Vegan

Cellaring

Enjoy over the next ten years.

Food Match

Shellfish (especially oysters)! Or any seafood that is prepared with just a squeeze of lemon and hint of seasoning. Also delicious with spicy foods, goat's cheese, salads, asparagus, and other simply prepared dishes or fresh, green vegetables.

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