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2022 SAUVIGNON BLANC

The 21/22 season is one for the books. Winter rains replenished parched soils and broke a three-year drought. A warm and wet winter continued into spring, bringing lush growth to the vines, a perfect flowering and an abundance of fruit. January was warm and dry, and decisions to reduce yields on almost every block ensured quality was the driver. This was beneficial as February saw a significant rain event, followed by cool weather, slowing ripening and retaining acids. March was near perfect weather wise, other than several days of evening rain. What could have been an early harvest, came just in time. Fruit had concentration of flavour and vibrancy. A slow start on the 11th March finished swiftly with Sauvignon Blanc on the 6th of April.

Snow peas, ripe stone fruit, crushed passionfruit seed and citrus blossom make alluring aromatics. Subtle flavours meld together creating ripe mid-palate fruit with supportive minerality and a lengthy finish that is undoubtably Marlborough.

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

100% Marlborough, New Zealand – certified with Sustainable Winegrowers New Zealand. Half of the fruit came from growers in the Wairau Valley, where Marlborough's Sauvignon Blanc story began. The balance came equally from the Southern Valleys and the lower Wairau Valley – matching the subtlety of the Southern Valleys with the punchy lower Wairau and integrating perfectly with the fruit forward style of the central Wairau.

WINEMAKING

The juice of individual components was fermented separately, with selected yeasts that enhance and express the unique attributes of Sauvignon Blanc. To capture these the yeast worked long and slowly, through cool autumn days to complete the ferment. The wine settled, then was fined and filtered prior to bottling in June – an early bottling to truly capture the season.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13%
Ph: 3.21
Acid: 7.8
Sugar: 3.6g/L

FOOD MATCH

White meats like chicken and turkey or classic fish/ shellfish dishes. Softer, briny Goat's milk cheeses and sauté green vegetables