

2013 SEIFRIED NELSON Sauvignon Blanc

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Wine Analysis

Vineyard:	Seifried Rabbit Island, Redwood Valley, Brightwater and Queen Victoria Vineyards
Sugar at Harvest:	21.4°Brix (average)
Date of Harvest:	Late March - Mid April 2013
pH of Wine:	3.36
T.A of Wine:	7.4g/L
Residual Sugar of Wine:	2.38g/L
Vegan Friendly:	Yes
Vegetarian Friendly:	Yes



The Vineyards

Our 'Rabbit Island' Vineyard, is situated on a wide river flat around our winery. The soil is made up of gravelly sandy loam which marks the sites of Maori kumara beds (sweet potato) from a period prior to European settlement in the early 1800's. The Maori transferred and spread fine gravel and sand over the land to provide suitable soils for their kumara plantings. Scrub was burned to give ash and charcoal, which increased soil fertility and gave characteristic topsoil. This fertility is now reduced because of modern farming, however the soils are very sandy and free draining. Due to the close proximity to the coast line (just 1.5 kilometres) the water table is relatively high, ensuring adequate underground water, as well as moderate temperatures.

The unirrigated Redwood Valley Vineyard is situated on a gently sloping, north facing clay site; the vines range in age from 10 to 30 years. Vertical shoot positioning helps to expose the berries to sunlight, thus getting maximum intensity and optimal ripeness.

The remainder of the 2013 Seifried Sauvignon Blanc comes from our Brightwater Vineyard and our exciting new Queen Victoria Vineyard near Motueka. Both these blocks comprise exceptionally stony and bouldery free draining soils. Lively fruit characters are evident in the grapes harvested from these blocks.

Winemakers Note

Aromatic and fresh Sauvignon Blanc flavours were encouraged prior to vintage through careful canopy management. The fruit was de-stemmed and pressed immediately after harvest, and a cool fermentation was initiated in stainless steel tanks to retain the clean aromatic fruit characters.

Tasting Note

The Seifried Sauvignon Blanc 2013 is pungent on the nose with gooseberry, nettle and snow pea characters. The palate has pure varietal fruit on the entry and lovely natural fruit acidity to balance fruit weight. The wine leaves a persistent impression.