

2014 OLD COACH ROAD

# Sauvignon Blanc

## ★ Awards

GOLD:	Mundus Vini 2014, Germany
Silver:	NZ International Wine Show 2014
Silver:	Spiegelau International Wine Competition 2014, NZ

## Wine Analysis

Vineyard:	Seifried Cornfield and Brightwater Vineyards
Sugar at Harvest:	21.4°Brix
Date of Harvest:	Late March - mid April 2014
pH of Wine:	3.26
T.A of Wine:	7.2g/L
Residual Sugar of Wine:	3.55g/L

## The Vineyards

Our Rabbit Island Vineyards are situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly sandy loam, which is very sandy and free draining. These vineyards are about 1.5 kilometres from the sea, which helps moderate temperatures.

The Brightwater Vineyard is situated 15 kilometres from the coast and is sheltered from the south by the Richmond Ranges. The 'soil' is a combination of rocks and boulders which is very hard on the farm equipment, but vital for holding the warmth of Nelson's sun and for ripening the grapes.

## Winemakers Note

In the vineyard, leaves were removed from around the fruiting zone to allow light penetration and air movement around the ripening bunches. Parcels of fruit were picked when flavours, sugars and grape acids were nicely in balance, giving fruit with intensely varietal flavours and a fresh, lasting acidity.

## Tasting Note

The 2014 Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc over-delivers on all fronts. It has lovely cool climate intensity with elements of dried hops and passionfruit. The palate is inviting with flavoursome tropical characters balanced with fresh natural acidity running the palate.

