



FORREST

SAUVIGNON BLANC
2015



Brix at Harvest
21.5 average
Analysis at Bottling
pH **3.08**
T.A. **8.18 g/l**
RS **2.04 g/l**
Alcohol **13%**

Viticultural Practice
Planting density:
2.5 x 1.5m rows
Trellis systems:
2 Cane VSP
Canopy management:
Shoot thinned x 1
Leaf plucked x 2
Leaf trimmed x 2
Yield:
6.5 - 8.5 tonne/ha

WINEMAKER'S VINTAGE REPORT

Vintage 2015 will be remembered as a very low cropping year – 40% down on the record 2014, or 20% below the longer term average. What made it so was a multiple of factors; Firstly, the grape plants natural reaction from ripen such a large crop in 2014, a cooler flowering period right on full bloom which reduced berry fertilisation and finally a very hot dry year that limited vine vigour and berry size. For producers interested in quality over quantity, it was an ideal year. No need for expensive fruit thinning and less leaf plucking made for an easy growing season. Harvest was 7 – 10 days early, around 20th March, and was pretty much over by the second week of April. Just as well as Easter, like 2014, again proved wet. The results, as the wines settle after fermentation, look impressive – great flavour aromatic results together with good palate weight.

SAUVIGNON BLANC PROFILE

This Sauvignon Blanc was drawn from 4 vineyards located around Renwick in the Wairau River Valley. Whilst all have their own characteristics, they share in common a Wairau River gravelly, free draining and devigourating soil profile. This classical Marlborough terroir is critical in achieving the smaller berries and lower cropping levels needed to produce premium Sauvignon Blanc grapes.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant, punchy nose of Guava, lime, citrus, herbs with a hint of passionfruit and a complex amalgam of subtle yeast esters and white flower. The palate is full with excellent texture and flavours of Guava and boxwood; "taut" with a firm mineral backbone, finishing dry with crisp acidity. This wine has been created to flourish with time – peak drinkability 3–5 years.

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