

HARTLEY'S BLOCK

2017 SAUVIGNON BLANC



ORIGIN

A blend of grapes from our Leefield Station, Waihopai River and the Slopes vineyard sites in Marlborough, New Zealand.

VARIETY

100% Sauvignon Blanc.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2017 delivered a smaller than predicted crop for Marlborough's wine industry, ensuring the vibrant, fruit-driven wines the region is so well known for, were achieved.

Summer started early with warm weather leading to good flavour development, indicating the potential for great wine. Our vineyard staff and winemakers spent plenty of time in those early days of the season, working out how to get the best balance from our vines – and ultimately into our wines.

Nature threw in some challenges along the way, with a major November earthquake, a cool and windy summer and stints of rain in Autumn. Rigorous vineyard management and careful harvest decisions have ensured our Marisco wines have an exciting spectrum of flavours from our harvested grapes. A growing year of challenges – resulting in wines to remember!

WINEMAKING

Optimally ripe Sauvignon Blanc fruit is gently pressed to minimise the negative

effects of skin contact, settled for 72 hours before being racked clean for fermentation. Fermentation occurs in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks with select yeast strains, chosen for their ability to enhance the varietal intensity and mouthfeel of Sauvignon Blanc.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol	12.5%
pH	3.11
Titrateable Acidity	7.0g/L
Residual Sugar	3.9g/L

TASTING NOTE

Lemon-lime citrus, pineapple and delicate white florals sit atop a solid base of dried herb greens. Despite uber-bright, zesty acidity the palate is mouth-filling and round with a generous dose of fruit sweetness that creates a deft sense of balance and aids drinkability.

FOOD MATCHING

We encourage you to try our Hartley's Block Sauvignon Blanc 2017 with fresh seafood, salads and soft cheeses – especially those from sheep or goats milk.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

To be enjoyed whilst at its freshest and best within 2 years of vintage date.