

**A STICKY END
NOBLE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017**

ORIGIN

Blocks 22, 23 & 24 on the Waihopai River Vineyard.

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

Careful hand harvesting has allowed for only the most concentrated, fully infected bunches to be selected for this wine. Tipped directly to the press the fruit was whole bunch pressed, the stem inclusion greatly facilitating the extraction of free run juice. The resulting super sticky nectar was settled clear before being run to new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation and subsequent maturation.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol	11.0%
pH	3.58
T.A	9.4g/L
Residual sugar	170g/L

TASTING NOTE

Richly scented yellow grapefruit spiked with raw honeycomb, apricot and a hint of roasted nut aroma. The palate is dangerously sweet and super slippery yet derives balance and a lingering dry finish thanks to a tight seam of Waihopai Valley acid and a light dusting of fine grain French oak tannin.

FOOD MATCH

Serve A Sticky End Noble Sauvignon Blanc 2017 chilled, alongside your favourite after dinner platter of freshly cut summer stone fruits, lightly toasted brioche and a selection of your favourite blue cheeses with a pork, duck and pistachio terrine.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

2 – 3 years.

