

WINDRUSH ORGANIC SAUVIGNON BLANC MARLBOROUGH 2023

WHO ARE WE?

Callum & Sarah Linklater, second generation organic producers. We grow chardonnay, pinot noir & sauvignon blanc on family-owned certified organic vineyards.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

This wine is grown at two family owned vineyards approx 5km in distance. Windrush is located on SH63 and the soil is a consistent layer of fine loam over clay. Terrace Stone Vineyard is on Hammond Road closer to Renwick. This vineyard has lovely soil that lends itself well to organic viticulture with a deep layer of fine stones mixed with silt and loam over clay. This vineyard is sheltered by trees which aids in vigorous spring growth and provides a unique micro-climate to assist in ripening the fruit, achieving a riper style Sauvignon Blanc.

THE VINTAGE

Vintage 2023 was a tricky growing season in Marlborough, with plenty of spring rains that decided to continue right into summer - giving us a nervy start to the season. Thankfully cooler nights generally followed each rain event keeping disease pressure down. We were then treated to near-perfect growing conditions for February, March and April to ensure perfect sugar accumulation & beautiful acidity across all our varieties.

WINEMAKING

Machine harvested off two organic family vineyards at optimum ripeness. Destemmed to press and held for one hour on skins to gain flavor complexity. 92% Stainless Steel ferment. 8% barrel ferment, which had a mixture of inoculated & wild yeasts. The barrel portion also underwent lees stirring weekly adding intense richness.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Intense aromas of guava, citrus, nettle, passionfruit & gooseberry, leading into a rich palate of tropical fruits, elderflower & wet stone minerality. Well balanced with juicy acidity and a long lingering finish. Drink now to 2027 and serve with seafood or Asian cuisine. Winemaker: Cullen Neal

Harvested: 2 April 2023 Bottled: 27 Septemver 2023 Released: February 2024

Alcohol 13.0% | pH 3.10 | TA 7.9g/L RS: 4.95 (Dry) | Total So2 90ppm

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