

SETTLEMENT

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Heritage Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Marlborough, New Zealand

ESTATE

At Settlement, they seek out the most distinguished parcels of fruit from some of Marlborough's finest organic vineyards, to create four wines that reflect the diverse parcels of land the fruit comes from. The wines produced – a Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Noir - are well suited to Marlborough's soil profile and climate and are sourced from individual sites in the Wairau and Southern Valley's renowned for their silty clay loams, established vines, and organic farming practices. By choosing exceptional vineyard sites, little is required from the winery. The purity of fruit and flavor is nurtured in the organic vineyard, and any variation in season is embraced in the winery with little intervention required during the winemaking process.

WINE

The terroir of this vineyard site produces distinct characteristics in the wine fitting with a classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, predominantly lively citrus and grapefruit flavours, with long lingering acidity

VINEYARD

Soils: Grapes are mainly planted on silty clay loams overlying a clay subsoil. This free-draining layered soil is a result of historical flooding from the Wairau River across the valley floor. The vineyard requires minimal watering. The vines were planted in 1990, with organic conversion beginning in 2009.

Farming: Settlement has farmed organically for over a decade and are now certified.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Pressed in stainless steel, settling 3 days before fermentation. 15% fermented in old French oak.

Aging: 5 months in tanks, bottled without fining.

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINTAGE

A warm growing season with very dry conditions between January and April with only 45mm falling (less than 30% of the average). A season which will be remembered for other reasons however, with calm decision making and patience resulted in perfect ripening conditions, and a very rewarding season. One of the best the region has experienced in recent years.

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"The 2020 Sauvignon Blanc Heritage Vineyard is a more restrained and supple style from Marlborough. This is not a tropical fruit party; we're in the grapefruit, elderflower and citrus spectrum, with 15% wild ferment bringing an attractive note of white flowers. Firm acidity makes for a tangy, clean and bright finish. There's light, fine-grained texture on the medium-length finish, which conveys a sense of calm." - R.G., 1/2022

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