

Reserve

MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

RAPAURA SPRINGS

Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people. Our Reserve wines are expertly crafted from selected vineyards with impressive flavour concentration and palate weight.

VITICULTURE

The 2019 Marlborough growing season had a slow start with below average temperatures and higher rainfall resulting in cooler ground temperatures. Strong, even growth followed in the lead up to flowering and adverse weather events saw a mixed fruit set impacting yields. Extended hot and dry weather resulted in advanced ripening and an earlier than average start to harvest.

Sauvignon Blanc flavour development occurred early with elevated passionfruit skin and blackcurrant leaf thiols. The Reserve Sauvignon Blanc is almost 100% of Lower Wairau fruit source.

WINEMAKING

Once pressed at the winery, the juice was cool fermented in stainless steel to retain clean, crisp fruit flavours. The Dillon's Point sub-region imparts a delicious blackcurrant herbal note. The Rapaura sub-region provides generous, ripe, passionfruit and tropical flavours. A small portion of quality French Oak staves were used in selected parcels to give this wine the textural qualities you've grown to expect - yet plays NO part in the aromatics.

TASTING NOTE

Succulent passionfruit, guava and citrus with a mouth-watering finish. Our Reserve Sauvignon Blanc defines Marlborough.

Winemaking Team: Michael Bann, Gus Altschwager, Matt Thomson



Alcohol	13.5%
Total acidity	6.9 g/l
Residual sugar	3.6 g/l
pH	3.3
Harvest Brix	19.8 - 23.1 Brix
750ml Bottle Barcode	9421003771307
6x750ml Carton Barcode	19421003771403

- Almost 100% Lower Wairau source (69% Dillons Point, 29% Rapaura)
- 100% 2019 Marlborough SB
- Our winery is located the closest to Dillon's Point. Minimal time from harvest to processing captures fresh expressive characteristics.

ACCOLADES BY VINTAGE

- Double Gold, China Wine & Spirits- 2019
- 94 Points, Bob Campbell, MW- 2019
- 92 Points, Wine Spectator- 2018
- 95 Points, Bob Campbell, MW - 2017, 16, 15, 14, 13
- Gold Medal, NZ Int. Wine Show- 2016
- Trophy Open White Wine, Air NZ- 2015
- Trophy, New World Wine Awards- 2015
- Trophy Sauvignon Blanc, 6 Nations- 2015
- Trophy Sauvignon Blanc, Spiegelau Int - 2015