

STARBOROUGH

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STARBOROUGH 'FAMILY ESTATE' SAUVIGNON BLANC

MARLBOROUGH 2012

TASTING NOTE

A pure and classy Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc expressing concentrated ripe passionfruit aromas interwoven with tropical fruits and mineral characters. Dry to taste, the palate displays racy acidity offering smooth textures enabling the passionfruit and gooseberry flavours to flow seamlessly through the palate. The wine is harmoniously balanced with a crisp lingering finish.

VITICULTURE

The fruit was sourced in equal portions from two individual Starborough vineyards. 50% O'Dwyers Farm Vineyard in the Rapaura district (Wairau) where the soil is a fertile free draining alluvial silt loam providing potent fruit forward Sauvignon Blanc. 50% Long Lane Vineyard (Awatere Valley) located on the northern side of the Awatere River in the lower Dashwood area. The soils at the Awatere site comprise of alluvial silt over stony river gravel deposits, moderate fertility and very free draining. Both sites provide the perfect conditions for growing premium cool climate Sauvignon Blanc.

The yield on the two and three cane VSP (vertical shoot position) trained vines were closely monitored through the growing season. Targeted shoot thinning was performed to produce optimum canopy growth and yield control.

Each vineyard block was carefully monitored during ripening and machine harvested in cool early morning conditions at peak maturity and flavour development.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was pressed off as quickly as possible to minimise skin contact and juice deterioration following harvesting. After settling, the juice was fermented using selected yeast in stainless steel at cool temperatures retaining fruit flavour and freshness.

All individual vineyard parcels were left on light lees and kept separate until July, when the blend was assembled from the most desirable parcels.

The wine was bottled in late July with an alcohol of 13.0%, pH 3.4 and acidity of 8.7 g/l.

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5 Stars - Raymond Chan Wine Reviews

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