

STARBOROUGH

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STARBOROUGH 'FAMILY ESTATE' SAUVIGNON BLANC MARLBOROUGH 2016

TASTING NOTE

A refreshing Sauvignon Blanc with richness of passionfruit, herb and mineral flavours. The nose is soft and elegantly proportioned with aromas of passionfruit, white floral aromas and nuances of fresh herbs and mineral notes. Lively on the palate and wonderfully structured by juicy acidity.

VITICULTURE

The fruit was sourced from three individual Starborough vineyards.

40% 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. 40% from Starborough Terrace Vineyard (Awatere Valley) and 20% from Long Lane Vineyard located on the northern and southern banks respectively of the Awatere River. The soils at the Awatere vineyards comprise of alluvial silt over stony river gravel deposits. They are of moderate fertility and very free draining. All three 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 3.0 and acidity of 7.3 g/l.

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Gold – New Zealand International Wine Competition

5 Stars (93/100) – Sam Kim Wine Orbit

4 Stars (18/20) – Raymond Chan Wine reviews



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