

STONEBURN

NEW ZEALAND

MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015



Technical Details

Harvest Date	March & April 2015
Alcohol	13% Vol.
Total Acidity	7.7 g/l
Residual Sugar	1.81 g/l
Bottling Date	6 July 2015
Fruit Source	100% Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

Winemaker's Notes

This 2015 Sauvignon Blanc has intense aromas of tropical fruits balanced with fresh herbaceous notes. The palate is well-structured and refreshing, crisp with great acidity. This classic herbaceous and tropical Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, the wine carries on long through the palate.

Vintage Conditions

A cool spring with a number of late threatening frosts meant a nervous start to the growing season but summer was one of the driest on record. The conditions were perfect for the ripening and development of the fruit. This resulted in excellent fruit quality but with lower than average yields. Harvest went by seemingly without the hype or tempo of other years – the good conditions during this period ensured fruit was harvested at optimum maturity.

Vinification

For our Stoneburn Sauvignon Blanc we preserve all the fresh fruit characters from the vineyard. Harvest takes place in the cool of the morning; all fruit is processed using anaerobic techniques, the fruit is de-stemmed, crushed and lightly pressed. The greatest care is taken to handle the fruit as little as possible during these processes thereby retaining maximum fruit character and aromas. The juice is clarified by cold settling, after which it is racked and then fermented for approximately 28 days. The fruit from each vineyard is fermented separately in individual stainless steel tanks whereby the different components of each are used to blend our own complex style of Stoneburn Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

Awards

5 STARS & BEST BUY – Cuisine Magazine, Issue 174, Jan-Feb 2016

“Another wine that expresses this fine vintage in an unvarnished, straightforward way. It’s about the fruit flavours – ripe stonefruit, elderflower, citrus and flinty notes – and a well-honed blade of acidity. This Wairau-grown rendition offers fantastic value for money.”

BRONZE – New Zealand International Wine Show 2015