

Matawhero



Tasting Notes

2009 Gisborne Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyard Review

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the Leaderbrand Vineyard in the Makaraka district which borders Matawhero. The vineyard was selected due to its proximity to the ocean, where the maritime influence cools the vineyard with a sea breeze, allowing a long slow ripening process maximising flavour. In the vineyard we run a tall canopy, ensuring a high leaf to fruit ratio, increasing the berries Thiol development. The fruit ripens under an umbrella of leaves to retain this grape varieties herbaceous character.

Harvest Analysis: Brix 21 Titratable Acidity 8.5g/l pH 3.10

Winemaking

When the grapes developed the desired flavour profile they were machine harvest during the cool of a Gisborne autumn night. Due to the thin skin nature of Sauvignon and low tannin content, an antioxidant was added in the field to lock in the natural flavour. At the winery, the grapes were crushed and must chilled immediately. The juice was then gently extracted in an air bag press. Once separated from the skins the juice was cold settled for 36 hours, racked and then inoculated with a pure yeast. A cool fermented ensured the retention of Sauvignon Blanc's distinctive varietal character. Once dry, the wine was stabilised and filtered before bottling.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 11.5% Titratable Acidity 7.5g/l pH 3.2 Residual Sugar 4.8g/l

Wine Notes

Colour Pale straw with a hint of green on the edge.

Aroma Hints of honeysuckle are underscored with tropical fruits and subtle herbaceousness.

Palate Typical of Gisborne, bursting with summer melon, touches of dried herb and a subtle passionfruit.
The wine finishes with a richness and fullness seen only in good Sauvignon Blanc.

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