

# Matawhero

CHURCH HOUSE



## Tasting Notes

## 2015 Church House Albariño

### Vineyard Review

The grapes for this wine are sourced from Paul Tietjen's Vineyard in the 'Golden Slope' region of Gisborne. Here the Albariño is grown on a gently sloping site with volcanic soils overlaying clay. Albariño suits the Gisborne soils and climate particularly well. The vines are young with this being the second crop and therefore we only had a single cane laid down for the growing season. This resulting yields were below low per hectare which ensured early ripening and nice ripe flavours.

### Winemaking

The harvest decisions at Matawhero are made after the winemaker and viticulturist concur that the grapes are flavour ready. After another great summers in Gisborne, the Albariño grapes for this wine attained perfect ripeness. Harvested while the fruit was still cool, and swiftly transported to the winery, the grapes were gently crushed and pressed to extract the aromatic, uniquely flavoured juice. Fermented with aroma enhancing yeast using careful temperature management, this wine was stopped with just a hint of sweetness and perfect expression of fresh floral and fruit characters. Gently fined using traditional protein, the wine was then filtered and bottled.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.1% Titratable Acidity 9.47 g/L pH 3.34 Residual Sugar 7.93 g/l

### Wine Notes

- Colour Pale straw with hints of green and gold.
- Aroma Aromatic with hints of citrus and peach.
- Palate Fresh with hints of citrus and sherbert notes.
- Food match Beautiful with seafood, chicken and paella.



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