

`Hatter's Hill` Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2014

Marlborough, New Zealand



Grape Varieties **100% Sauvignon Blanc**

Winemaker **Matt Thomson**

Closure **Screwcap**

ABV **13.5%**

Bottle Sizes **75cl**

PRODUCER

The Delta farm, first established in 1848, was purchased in 2000 by four partners, is now owned by one of the original four partners Neal Ibbotson of Saint Clair Family Estate. Their specialisation in Pinot Noir sets Delta apart from the crowd in Marlborough. Lying on the West Coast highway, the 30 hectare Delta Vineyard is planted with the best new Dijon clones of Pinot Noir and can be divided into two areas. The flatter part, closer to the road, produces approachable, younger drinking wines bottled under the 'Delta' label, whereas the best fruit from the hillsides that rise to around 175 metres produces the reserve style 'Hatter's Hill'. The low vigour clay soils, combined with the elevation of the vineyard, the warm days, the excellent quality of the light, the cool nights and the constant breeze, make this site ideal for the production of top quality Pinot Noir.

VINEYARDS

The first vintage of Sauvignon Blanc from Delta Vineyard is 2014. Vines are planted on a single vineyard which is part of the Dillons Point area, located at the lower Wairau Valley. It sits on free draining, deep and fertile alluvial soils adjoining saline, coastal soils. A healthy canopy is trained on a VSP system.

VINTAGE

From flowering to ripening, the 2014 growing season was warmer than usual but cooler evenings allowed unique flavour development. Fruit was harvested at maximum flavour maturity on 8th April 2014 in the cool of the evening.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was machine harvested and immediately destemmed and pressed off to minimise skin contact. After settling, the racked juice was inoculated with selected yeasts and fermented in stainless steel at cool temperatures to retain fruit flavour and freshness.

TASTING NOTES

A wine of great concentration, with aromas of passion fruit and blackcurrant leaf. The palate is full of flavour and richness; a medley of sweet naval orange, white currant and passion fruit.