

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2018

Marlborough, New Zealand



TINPOT HUT



Grape Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
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Winemaker	Fiona Turner
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Closure	Screwcap
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ABV	13%
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Residual Sugar	1g/L
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Acidity	7.3g/L
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Wine pH	3.26
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Bottle Sizes	1.5lt
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Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan
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PRODUCER

Tinpot Hut wines are made primarily from fruit grown on winemaker Fiona Turner's vineyard in Blind River. Fiona, who has worked with Matt Thomson for a number of years, supplements her own grapes with fruit from other growers in Marlborough. The tinpot hut that gave its name to Fiona's wines is an old mustering hut in the remote hills between the Wairau and Awatere Valleys. The huts were used as a base for musterers as they rounded up the sheep that had been in the hills from spring to autumn. The name links Marlborough's past as a sheep farming centre with its current state as one of the world's most dynamic wine regions.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine was sourced from specially selected vineyards in the Blind River, Dashwood and Lower Wairau subregions. Blind River and Dashwood fruit contributed the acidity, mineral and fresh herbal notes, while the Lower Wairau, as always, contributed the tropical top notes and mid-palate roundness. This blending of flavours gives a balance between herbaceous and tropical. All vineyard parcels are kept separate in the winery prior to blending post fermentation.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was characterised by a dry spring and early summer. Regular rainfall required rigorous canopy and crop management with additional shoot thinning, bunch removal, and green thinning to bring the vines and yields into balance, producing fruit of exceptional character and intensity.

VINIFICATION

The fruit from each vineyard was independently monitored and harvested before being carefully pressed to ensure minimal skin contact preventing juice deterioration. Once settled, the batches were cool fermented in stainless steel tanks using specific cultured yeasts to add complexity while retaining the fresh fruit characteristics from each of the individual vineyards. Shortly after blending, the wine was prepared for bottling under a screwcap closure.

TASTING NOTES

A complex and elegant wine with intense aromas of blackcurrant, crushed lemongrass and thyme, mingled with passionfruit and melon highlights. On the palate, underlying ripe fruit and mineral notes from the grapes grown in the Blind River sub region of Marlborough combine well with the more tropical notes of passionfruit and melon from the Wairau Valley vineyards. A stylish and pleasingly rich Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with vibrant aromatics and a fine balance of acidity leading to a lingering finish.

AWARDS

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