



TINPOT HUT

LIBERTY WINES

Tinpot Hut, Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2019

Marlborough, New Zealand



Grape Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Winemaker	Fiona Turner
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	2.5g/L
Acidity	7.3g/L
Wine pH	3.27
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

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 musters 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 Fiona's own Home Block vineyard and two select vineyards in the Lower Wairau subregions. The Home Block's dry and sunny yet cool climate site in Blind River in the Awatere Valley sits on gravelly silt and wind-blown loess, producing fruit with a distinct mineral complexity. With more loams, Lower Wairau soils have higher water retention and parcels from here have great fruit intensity and body.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season saw a wet and cold spring; conditions which continued up to the start of summer. However, the last significant rain for the summer months fell on Christmas day and the remainder of the season was one of the warmest, driest summers on record. This led to naturally lower yields and very low disease incidence.

VINIFICATION

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

TASTING NOTES

A complex and elegant wine with classic characters of blackcurrant bud and fresh cut thyme. Underlying ripe fruit and mineral notes from the grapes grown in the Blind River sub-region of Marlborough combine with more tropical notes of passion fruit and melon from the Wairau Valley vineyards. A stylish, rich Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with vibrant aromatics and fine balance of acidity leading to a lingering finish.

AWARDS

International Wine Challenge 2020, Silver