

Alc	pH	TA	RS
13.1%	3.26	7.87 g/l	2.5 g/l

SEASON SUMMARY

The 2018 growing season began in fine style. Settled conditions and no frost led to an early budburst and successful flowering. Warm and dry conditions through December encouraged flourishing canopy growth and good potential crop levels. While an early harvest seemed likely during the first half of the season, cooler weather from January onwards allowed for more steady ripening.

Vineyard crews undertook work to manage both canopies and yield to guarantee that the fruit was of optimum quality. This attention to detail ensured that, while there were several rain events during the latter part of the season, the fruit was brought into the winery in excellent condition.

The Sauvignon Blanc harvest commenced on March 21st and was completed on April 5th. The fruit was picked with ripe flavours, good concentration and great acid balance.

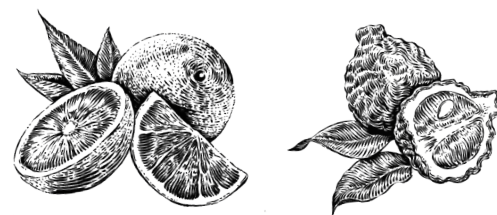
KEY VINEYARDS

Our Sauvignon Blanc comes largely from vineyards planted in the Rapaura, Fairhall, Renwick and Brancott sub-regions of the Wairau Valley. Soils range from free-draining and stony on the valley floor, to aged alluvial loams containing some clay. The majority of fruit is grown on a vertical-shoot-positioned trellis,

with a small number of blocks on Scott-Henry trellising.

WINEMAKING & BLENDING

Following the harvest, the free-run juice was cold settled for 48-72 hours before racking. Fermentation was carried out primarily in stainless steel tanks, with approximately 7% of the blend fermented at warmer temperatures in old French oak barriques and large format oak vats. As usual, our Sauvignon Blanc was blended stringently to include only the best portions.



NOSE: The 2018 Sauvignon Blanc is bright and intense. You'll find citrus, makrut lime, orchard blossoms and passionfruit on the nose.



PALATE: Juicy stone fruit, subtle tropical characters and Meyer lemon acidity combine in a concentrated, mouthwatering palate. Fine minerality leads to a lingering finish, suggesting a wine that will age oh so gracefully.



Sauvignon Blanc

2018