

Alc
13.3%

pH
3.14

TA
6.83 g/l

RS
2.6 g/L

SEASON SUMMARY

Our vineyard crews had their work cut out for them this year. Budburst came early across the region, while the cold nights and frosts in September and October meant very early mornings for the crew. Fortunately, the frost protection we have on most of our vineyard sites kept the grape safe. Of course, Mother Nature rarely does things by halves. The challenging conditions continued: unsettled weather during the December flowering period meant good soil conditions, but significant reductions in crop levels.

But while she can be stern, Mother Nature can be equally generous - even in the same season. The growing period for 2021 was a continuous thread of beautifully warm, dry conditions, which gave us very little disease pressure to worry about. And, as is often the case, the lower yields had a significant upside: fantastic fruit. The perfect temperatures meant that acid levels remained high, with the grapes developing their full flavour on the vine.

The end result is a vintage of outstanding quality and a Sauvignon Blanc with the hallmarks of a future classic.

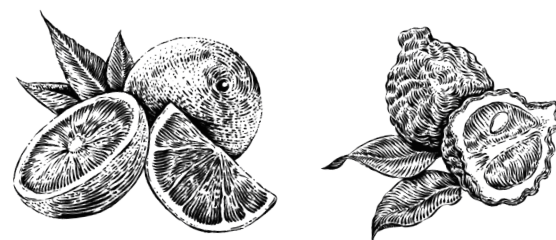
KEY VINEYARDS

Our Sauvignon Blanc comes largely from vineyards planted on the Wairau Valley floor, where the climate and free-draining gravelly soils are perfect for Sauvignon Blanc. This includes the Estate, Motukawa, Widows, Red Shed, and Mustang vineyards.

WINEMAKING & BLENDING

Following the harvest, the free-run juice was cold settled, before racking and inoculation

with selected yeast. Fermentation was carried out primarily in stainless steel tanks, with approximately 4% 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; in 2021 the final blend comprises 87 different portions.



NOSE: The 2021 Sauvignon Blanc is intense and vibrant. The nose is open, appealing and expressive, with ripe passionfruit, white peach and a hint of lime.



PALATE: The palate is deliciously concentrated and tropical, underpinned by nectarine and blossoms. Saline notes bring structure, while passionfruit and vibrant citrus acidity bring balance. The compelling finish encourages you to take another sip, and then another. It also hints at the rewards of keeping a bottle aside for a future special event - if you can wait, that is.



**Sauvignon
Blanc**
2021