



MARGRAIN VINEYARD

Sauvignon Blanc

2020

The fruit for this wine now comes exclusively from the vines grown in the top corner of the original Winery vineyard and therefore is perhaps deserving of a “Home Block” label.... The block sits at the highest point of the vineyard atop an almost imperceptible rise which just so happens to be on the tail end of the narrow clay reef which runs right through the Martinborough grape belt. Whilst not impeding drainage, the finer soil imparts a light chalkiness and intriguing minerality to the palate.

The wine sports an emboldened colour of classic straw and embraces the vibrancy of spring. It is not the type of Sauvvy which leaps up and punches you on the nose but rather one which slides a hand suggestively round the middle of your back as it asks you up to dance. Skinned peacherine, grazed nettle, Sweet William and blanched chicory offer an omnium of aromas which circulate then meld with a touch of bush honey and roasted almonds. *Mange tout* plucked straight from the vine and shucked corn kernels add to the freshness then a hint of butterscotch and dry water cracker rounds out the offering.

In the mouth, this wine is the very definition of opulence. It has a stunning freshness and the racing pulse of a mountain stream rushing headlong through arroyos and ravines. It shows remarkable balance between the raucous acidity and a languid texture which slides out from beneath a highly polished surface. A fruity threepeat of Cape gooseberry, dried apricot and orange zest bulge out like a bare midriff over skinny jeans while the touch of jellybean and talc bring a dignified austerity. Like a lemon sorbet between courses, this wine will leave the palate cleansed and feeling born again, making it an ideal match for rich or oily dishes.

Technical Information

Harvest Date	23 - 25 Mar 2020	Residual Sugar	4.0 g/l
Brix at Harvest	22.1°	Bottling Date	11 Dec 2020
Final Alcohol	12.9%	Release Date	1 Sept 2021
pH	2.85	Cellaring	1-4 years
Total Acid	6.98g/l		

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