



RAPAURA SPRINGS

Reserve

2016 MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC

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The journey of this Rapaura Springs wine begins far from our vineyards, at a point where the earth claims a share of the Wairau River. After a 6 month journey through a rocky aquifer, the water is released to a spring that weaves through our vineyard. This spring, depicted on our label, provides both the crystal clear, pure, water for our vines and guides the philosophy behind our family winery.

WINE MAKING

Our Reserve Sauvignon Blanc is made from the finest parcels of fruit from our 2016 harvest. The vineyards again delivered nice, ripe fruit with excellent varietal intensity. Once pressed, the juice was cool fermented in stainless steel to retain the clean, crisp fruit flavours from the vineyards. Our Reserve wine is made to capture the diverse flavours found within the Marlborough sub-regions. The Wairau sub-region brings generous ripe passionfruit flavours, the Dillon's Point imparts delicious blackcurrant, leafy notes and the Waihopai lays in a lovely flinty or mineral element to the wine.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Our Reserve Sauvignon Blanc represents the finest quality from Marlborough. Succulent passionfruit, guava and blackcurrant notes are underscored by delicate jalapeño and fresh herbal element. Layers of concentrated tropical fruit and citrus flavours are complemented by an attractive, flinty or mineral aspect on the full, rich palate. A mouth-watering, zesty, acidity frames a delicious and lingering finish.

FOOD MATCHES

This wine is versatile and would pair well to a wide range of white meat and seafood dishes. Try with creamy rock oysters, a crunchy summer salad or chicken enchiladas.

AWARDS & REVIEWS

95 Points: Bob Campbell MW "Pungently aromatic sauvignon blanc with impressively intense passion fruit, red capsicum and nectarine flavours. A smooth-textured wine that practically defines Marlborough sauvignon blanc. Deliciously drinkable. Great value. "

Gold Medal: New Zealand International Wine Show 2016

★★★★★ **18.5 / 20** "The nose is gently full and concentrated with well-packed aromas of pungent passionfruit harmoniously melded with tropical fruits, fresh herbs and mineral nuances. The aromatics open with ethereal detail and grow in presence with aeration. Medium-bodied, the palate features rich and lusciously mouth-filling flavours of passionfruit and tropical fruits, along with fresh herbs and minerals, forming a rounded and concentrated core. The fruit is underlined by very fine textures and refreshing, lacy acidity, and the wine carries to a long, lingering, concentrated finish with fine grip and depth. This is a mouth-filling and concentrated Sauvignon Blanc with pungent passionfruit flavours, freshness and presence." Raymond Chan Wine Reviews August 2016

Marlborough Sub-regions	Wairau Valley, Dillons Point, Waihopai
Harvest date	8 th April to 17 th April 2016
Harvest brix	22.0-23.5° Brix

WINE ANALYSIS			
Alcohol	13.5%	Residual sugar	2.8 g/l
pH	3.34	Titrateable acidity	7.0 g/l



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RAPAURA SPRINGS, THE PLACE WE CALL HOME, IS WHERE WE LIVE AND CREATE WINES OF CHARACTER AND BEAUTY. OUR GOAL IS TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND US THROUGH SUSTAINABLE VINEYARD PRACTICES THAT WILL LEAVE A NATURAL LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!



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