



FAMILY ESTATE

## 2016 MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC ESTATE GROWN | NEW ZEALAND WINE

**Origin:** Marlborough, New Zealand

**Sub-Region:** Central Wairau

**Viticulture:** The fruit was grown exclusively on “Caythorpe” situated in the heart of the Central Wairau Plains. The 2016 growing season was characterised by a mild spring and a cooler summer. Two and three cane vertical shoot positioned vines were carefully managed to ensure moderate yields that delivered intensity of flavours. Fruit was assessed daily during the ripening period to identify the optimum sugar/acid balance and desired flavour characteristics for harvest.

**Winemaking:** Two small parcels were harvested on 6<sup>th</sup> April, immediately pressed to limit skin contact and fermented separately with specific yeasts in cool stainless steel by winemaker Jeremy McKenzie. After a short period of sitting on lees the finished wine is a 50% blend of both parcels, bottled July 2016.

**Tasting Note:** Intensely aromatic with fragrant passionfruit and tropical fruit aromas, along with notes of gooseberries, fresh herbs and minerals. The palate features lively and energetic flavours of gooseberries and passionfruit, lifted white florals and succulently rich green stonefruits, wonderfully structured with bright acidity.

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Res. Sugar:** 3.5g/L

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