

Mt. Beautiful

NORTH CANTERBURY NZ



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North Canterbury **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014**

NEW ZEALAND WINE



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Flavor Profile

Our Sauvignon Blanc pushes the boundaries of the typical New Zealand flavor profile. By highlighting floral aromatics and tropical flavours, toning down the grassiness and bringing a creamy mid-palate all the way through to fresh cantaloupe melon like crispness on the finish, we have set a new precedent for New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.

Winemaker Notes

2014 was in wine making parlance an interesting vintage! Good flowering led to very good fruit set and even growth throughout the vineyard. The key to the season was to keep yields low as most vines set too much fruit. We targeted blocks to manage fruitfulness tightly through both removing canes and green harvesting. Summer was good but was followed by a wetter than normal harvest which presented some challenges. Through selective harvesting we were able to pick some very good batches of fruit. The wine was fermented with a variety of neutral and aromatic yeasts. Separate components were aged on lees for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Sauvignon Blanc with shellfish, chicken dishes, and especially a good attitude.

For The Aficionado

Planted 2004-2006
9 Blocks
38.0 hectares
84464 vines
@2.4x 1.5 metres

The majority of the Sauvignon Blanc is planted on the most northern part of the vineyard which is cooler and more suited to this variety. All of our Sauvignon Blanc is hand-thinned and machine harvested before it is pressed into juice on site.

The planted clones are a mix of University of California Davis (UCD) 1 and Mass selection (MS) on a mix of 101-14, 3309 and Schwarzmann rootstock, with a quarter of the vines Bordeaux clones BDX 316 and BDX 317, on Riparia Gloire rootstock. The Bordeaux clones tend to give a definite lift to Sauvignon Blanc flavours, with less cut grass and more tropical flavours providing a more artisan style, balanced, elegant wine which compliments a range of foods.

Appellation

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Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 13.0%
pH 3.31
RS <2 g/L
TA 6.1

Bottled

January 2015

Production

11,300 Cases

