

makara™

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

SAUVIGNON BLANC

BOO BOO FAULT
MARLBOROUGH

MAKARA COAST & THE NAME

The steep cliffs of Makara Coast overlook Cook Strait, separating the North and South Islands of New Zealand. In modern day, we know this was created by the Boo Boo Fault line, which lies across the center of Cook Strait and connects the Tasman Sea with the South Pacific Ocean. On land, our vineyards are strongly influenced by this maritime climate, as storms come from the Cook Strait to give Marlborough and our Makara wines, its distinctive regional character.

However, the history of the “Makara” name goes back to a Hindu Sea Creature; a sea dragon or water monster. In Vedic times, Varuna the sea god rode the Makara. The Māori tribe are the indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand, which brought this rich mythology to Marlborough.

THE LABEL

Inspired by the Maori fish hook, the hook represents strength, good luck and safe travel across water. Some mythology states the island was once a canoe broken in half by the Makara and the hook was used to bring the two pieces of the canoe back together.

THE WINE

The style is racy and the flavors vibrant. Makara has more body and tropical flavors than most Marlborough sauvies'. Makara's compelling packaging evokes an expectation of the crisp, fruity, tropical flavors within the bottle.

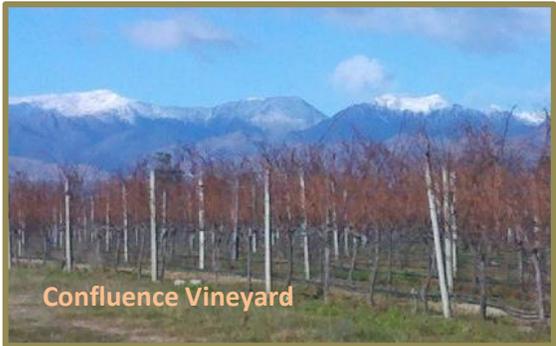


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THE REGION – THE VINEYARDS

Marlborough wine region is renowned for its flavor characteristics. Located on the east coast with mountains to the west, Marlborough is one of New Zealand’s sunniest and driest areas. Makara Sauvignon Blanc, is sourced from two valleys within Marlborough, the Wairau Valley and the Awatere Valley (Awa-tear-ee).



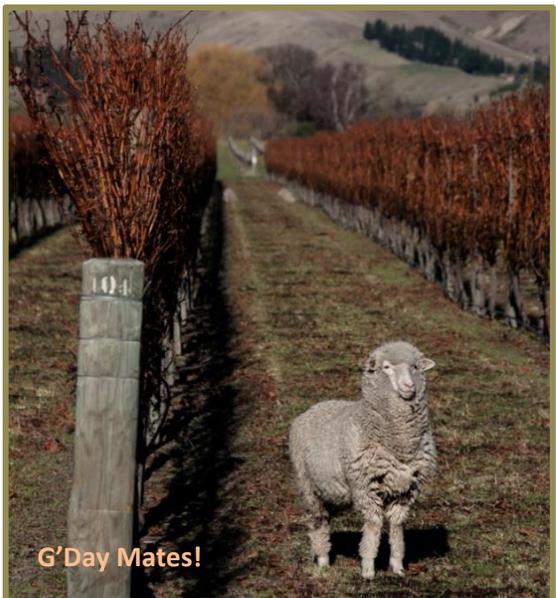
Approximately 70% of our Sauvignon Blanc is from the Wairau Valley with its warmer, wetter climate and shallow, stony and fast-draining soils that create conditions perfectly suited to Sauvignon Blanc.



The basic flavor characteristics of passion fruit, flint, gooseberry, capsicum, grapefruit and tropical fruits are what make the Wairau Valley Sauvignon Blanc unique and celebrated.

CONFLUENCE VINEYARD in Southern or Upper Wairau, is so named because it is at the confluence of the Wairau and Waihopai rivers. This vineyard contributes stone fruit characteristics to the wine.

To insure the wine is beautifully balanced, 30% of our fruit is sourced from the Awatere Valley with characteristics resembling the famous wines of Sancerre in style contributing a crispness, and minerality.



BRACKENFELD and SEAVIEW VINEYARDS are located in Awatere Valley at the very edge of the coastal cliff above Cook Strait. These vineyards contribute minerality and structure which gives the wine the acidity that allows it to age.