

makara™

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

SAUVIGNON BLANC
BOO BOO FAULT
MARLBOROUGH

MAKARA COAST

The steep cliffs of Makara Coast overlook Cook Strait, which separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand (created by the Boo Boo Fault line) and connects the Tasman Sea with the South Pacific Ocean. On land, our vineyards are strongly influenced by this maritime climate, and our Makara wines manifest the unspoiled landscape of New Zealand, with purity of flavor and distinctive regional character.

THE NAME

The Makara Coast faces Cook Strait, the treacherous waters between the two islands and is the primary influence on the region's weather.

THE LABEL

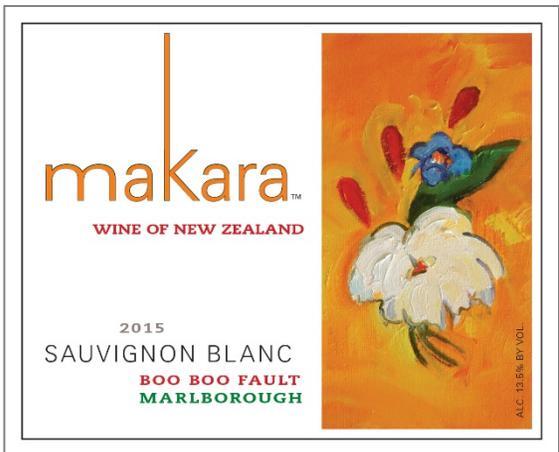
Inspired by the romantic tropical paintings of Gauguin, the label reflects the crisp, fresh tropical flavors of the wine. The warm, soft colors are a contrast to most NZ labels.

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.

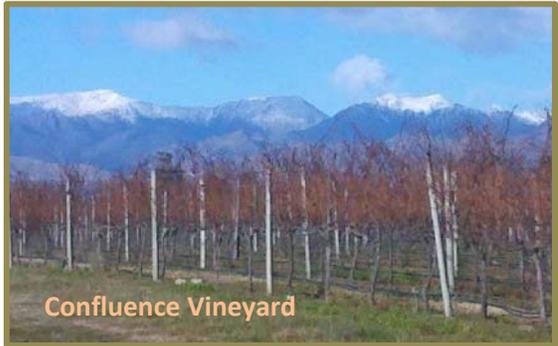
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THE REGION – THE VINEYARDS

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).

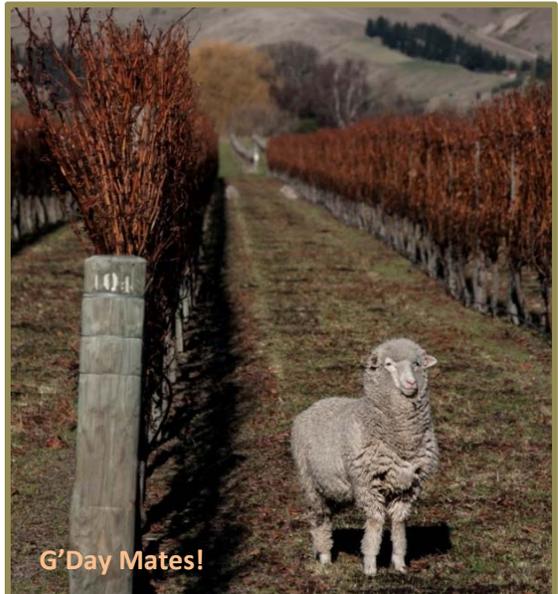


Approximately 70% of our Sauvignon Blanc is from the Wairau Valley with its warmer, wetter climate and shallow, stony and fast-draining soils that create conditions perfectly suited to Sauvignon Blanc.



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.