



2019 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.

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 "Upper" Wairau Valley with its warmer 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.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season in Marlborough was a hot and dry one. We received small amounts of rain around the end of December, but then no further until late February. These rain events had very little impact on soil moisture levels, but helped to replenish our rivers, setting us up nicely to see us through to harvest. Vintage started in mid-March and it provided us with incredibly stable weather. This meant we could pick blocks at their optimal ripeness.

WINEMAKING

Individual parcels of Sauvignon Blanc were selected from our Awatere Valley vineyards, where they were harvested separately at perfect ripeness. At the winery, the fruit was destemmed, gently pressed and settled, after which the clear juice was inoculated with carefully selected yeast. A long cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks enhanced the fruit flavours this Sauvignon Blanc is known for. The wine was then blended, stabilised and filtered in preparation for bottling.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The different parcels of Sauvignon Blanc have been combined to make a wine that is brimming with pure fruit flavours. The nose is lifted and fresh with notes of passion fruit, blackcurrant and fresh herbs. The sweet fruit characters and crisp acidity, combine to create a palate that is fresh with a zesty mineral finish. Enjoy with fresh seafood.

THE LABEL

Inspired by the Māori 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.

WINE DATA

Region:	Wairau Valley, Awatere Valley – 100% Marlborough
Blend:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Harvested:	April 8 th – 15 th , 2019
Alc/Vol:	12.5%
Titrateable Acid:	7.2 g/L
pH:	3.2
Residual Sugar:	3.5 g/l

