



**VINTAGE** 2023

**WINEMAKER** Sanna Stander

**VINEYARDS** 100% Estate Awatere Valley

**VARIETAL** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**SUSTAINABLY FARMED** 100% New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing Certified

**IRRIGATION** Partial underground drip

**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 2,000 Cases

**ACIDITY** pH of 3.3; TA of 7.4 g/L

**PACK SIZE** 12/750

**UPC** 859481003266



RIVER FARM

**SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023**

## VINTAGE NOTES

**VINEYARD INFORMATION:** The Awatere Valley is the most geographically distinct, wine-producing sub-region of Marlborough. Renowned for Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc, the valley benefits from an extended growing season and cool nights. These conditions are ideal for maintaining grape acidity and enhancing aromatic properties. Additionally, the strong maritime winds and low yields play a vital role in shaping the grapes, contributing to the complex flavor profiles of the wines.

**LABEL NOTES:** The crystal clear water of the Awatere River is the life blood of River Farm and the source for the alluvial soils that give the wines their unique character.

**WINEMAKING:** The fruit was pressed quickly minimizing skin contact and juice deterioration following harvesting. Once settling was completed, the juice was placed into stainless steel and fermented using selected yeast at carefully controlled, cool temperatures retaining fruit flavor and freshness. Several separate parcels from each of the vineyard sites were left on light lees and kept separate until May, when the blend was assembled from the most desirable parcels.

**VITICULTURE:** Two and three cane VSP (vertical shoot position) trained vines had their yields closely monitored through the growing season. Optimum canopy growth and yield control was produced via targeted shoot thinning. Each block was carefully monitored during ripening and machine harvested in cool early morning conditions at peak maturity and flavor development.

**FERMENTATION:** Stainless Steel

**COLOR:** Pale, light yellow

**TASTING NOTES:** An excellent vintage showing quintessential Marlborough Sauvignon aromas of elderflower, gooseberry, passionfruit, lime and nettles. The concentrated, complex palate is bursting with more intense tropical passionfruit, green mango, citrus, herbaceous, grassy notes, and briny minerality. The finish is long with refreshing acidity and more mineral notes.

**91pts**

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