



SISTERS RIDGE

2016
North Canterbury Sauvignon Blanc

New Zealand Wine

Flavor Profile

Our Sister's Ridge Sauvignon Blanc is a classic New Zealand wine displaying typical grassiness, but at the same time bringing a creamy mid-palate all the way through to fresh kiwi fruit-like crispness, with long green apple-like flavours on the finish.

Winemaker Notes

2016 was a good vintage but not without its challenges. The season started off extremely warm and dry which led to excellent flowering with exceptional fruit set. Some much needed rain in early January resulted in an increase in bunch sizes. The key to the season was to keep yields low as most vines set too much fruit. We targeted blocks to tightly manage fruitfulness by removing canes and green harvesting. Summer was good and led to a very mild autumn where early rains refreshed the vines. Through selective harvesting we picked excellent fruit which was clean, ripe and disease free. The wine was fermented with a variety of neutral and aromatic yeasts.

The Perfect Match

Pair Sister's Ridge Sauvignon Blanc with everything from shellfish to braised pork.

For the Aficionado

Planted 2004-2006 84464 vines
9 blocks @2.4x1.5 metres
38.0 hectares

The majority of the Sauvignon Blanc is planted on the most Northern part of the vineyard and from the most fertile and vigorous parts of our Sauvignon Blanc blocks. What this has led to is a wine with much more focus on the green grass and bell pepper side of this varietal, with more fruit and less texture.

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.

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Appellation

North Canterbury, New Zealand

Analysis

acidity: 6.2 g/L
alc: 13.5%
ph: 3.28 g/L
residual sugar: <2.2 g/L

Bottled

April 2017

Production

890 Cases

