

Nutcracker Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Walnut Block

Marlborough, SI, New Zealand



Product code	WBo6ZZWC
Grapes	Sauvignon Blanc
Country	NEW ZEALAND
ABV%	13
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Screw Cap
Producer	Walnut Block Winery
Vintage	2024



Organic



Vegan



Vegetarian



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Producer

Founded in 2005, Walnut Block is the vision of brothers, Clyde and Nigel Sowman with Clyde in managing the overall project and Nigel responsible for the development of the estate's organically farmed vineyards. The first vines were planted in 1996 on the alluvial deposits of the renowned Wairau Valley in Marlborough where the combination of free draining soils, sunshine hours and temperate climate provide an excellent backdrop for the production of high quality, cool climate grapes that have both natural intense fruit flavours and refreshing acidity. For the whites, the Collectibles Sauvignon Blanc is fermented in stainless steel whilst the Nutcracker Sauvignon is made 70:30 tank and barrel and the Nutcracker Chardonnay is fermented and aged in 500 litre demi-muids. Open top fermenters are used for the reds with further ageing in French barriques, 9 months for the Collectibles and 12 months for the Nutcracker.

Tasting Notes

Handpicked from our oldest vines, this limited release Sauvignon Blanc displays delicacy and finesse while capturing the intense characters Marlborough is famous for. Concentrated aromas and flavours of tropical fruits and ripe citrus are revealed on a richly texture palate. Fine acidity gives the wine beautiful balance and length.

Viticulture

First planted in 1996 the Walnut Block vineyards lie in the Wairau Valley in Marlborough. The soils are made up of alluvial deposits, from an ancient river bed that flowed between the mountainous borders of the valley, over a free-draining, stony subsoil. The region benefits from high sunshine hours and a temperate climate. The Sauvignon Blanc vines for this wine are grown on the Scott Henry trellising system which divides the canopy creating a well aerated space amongst the shoots to lessen disease pressure and ensure



healthy fruit. The vines are also amongst the oldest of the estate. The farming is organic and harvesting is done by hand.

Winemaking

"Certified Organic by BioGro New Zealand. Located in Marlborough's premium Rapaura sub region the grapes are grown on the Scott Henry divided canopy system which provides excellent sunlight penetration without leaf plucking. The vines are shoot thinned to maintain low yields and ensure even ripening."

Awards

4.5* Bright, light lemon/green, it is a medium to full-bodied wine, sweet-fruited, with strong, fresh passionfruit/lime flavours, showing some savoury complexity, crisp acidity and a dry, finely poised finish. Showing lots of youthful drive, it should be at its best 2024+