

# Tasting Note

Cairnbrae Sauvignon Blanc 2013



## Brand Story

New Zealand has long attracted adventurers. Men and women, who connect with the landscape, breathe the promise – and so often craft the wine.

The Browns were just such adventurers, travelling from Scotland to establish one of the original Marlborough heritage sites. They named the vineyard Cairnbrae, in honour of both their Scottish heritage and the legendary, rock-strewn soil of their new home.

In 2001, the Browns passed the baton to the Mason family, owners of Sacred Hill Vineyards in Hawke's Bay, in the North Island. The Masons and the Cairnbrae team explored new ways to gently tease the best from the famous stones, crafting pure, vibrant wines of elegance and complexity.

There is a magic that happens when a landscape of pristine beauty with a unique terroir meets a winemaking spirit of discovery and excellence. You'll find it happens with Cairnbrae.

## Vintage Summary

The weather gods were benevolent in Marlborough this year. A cool spring and early summer was followed by a warm and dry autumn creating perfect conditions to produce intensely flavoured wines.

Canopies were healthy and our discipline in managing yields to produce quality over quantity has resulted in beautiful, elegant, yet intense wines.

## Winemaker's Note

Very rich early into mouth, then evolves across the palate. Balanced acidity brings length and carries the vibrant stone fruit and tropical fruit flavours through.

## Vinification

The grapes were harvested in cool conditions and processed gently to optimise fruit expression. The juice was fermented at low temperatures to enhance the intense varietal characters. All handling of juice and wine was done with inert gas cover to further protect the vibrancy of expression.

## Technical Data

REGION	Marlborough
VARIETY	Sauvignon Blanc
APPEARANCE	Light lime straw colour
STYLE	Dry
SERVE	Lightly chilled
FOOD MATCHES	Fish, shellfish, Caesar salad or as an aperitif
CELLARING	1-2 years
RS	4.7 g/L
ALCOHOL	12.5%
PH	3.15
TA	7.8 g/L



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