

THE CROSSINGS, AWATERE VALLEY,
NEW ZEALAND

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wine shippers since
1858

WILD SAUVIGNON BLANC

The CROSSINGS

DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

The Crossings 'Wild' Sauvignon Blanc represents the wilds of the Awatere Valley, where extreme growing conditions match the rugged terrain of Marlborough, New Zealand. Sourced from our Brackenfield vineyard, right next to the Awatere River, the site is the most inland and experiences extreme diurnal shifts that can soar to 40°C during the day and close to zero overnight. It's the wildest block on our vineyard! The 2020 growing season was very dry, which meant disease pressure was low and some timely light rains kept just enough water flowing in their rivers. They had a classic Marlborough autumn with warm days and cool nights, which created this season's wines with signature fresh natural acidity and intense fruit flavours. The grapes were harvested in ideal condition, picking the terraced blocks at the point of optimum concentration and balance. Small parcels of grapes from the Brackenfield Vineyards (Awatere Valley) were fermented separately utilising wild yeast found in the vineyard. The wine was then left on ferment lees for ten months in French oak, with lees suspension every two weeks for increased weight and complexity. A long, cool fermentation took place, followed by blending, stabilisation and filtering prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The resulting wine showcases the wonderful hallmarks that Awatere vineyards are known for – highly aromatic fruit flavours, with underlying purity and minerality. Intense ripe green tropical fruits and herbal notes provide varietal expression, along with captivating complexity from undergoing natural fermentation in French Oak. The palate excites with layers of tropical fruit and subtle oak, leading to a finish with texture, weight, and refreshing mineral acidity.

HOW TO SERVE

Enjoy with a seafood bisque.

“NEW MOWN HAY AND GREEN GRASS ON THE NOSE. LIVELY, ZESTY PALATE, FRUIT AND FRESH GOOD LENGTH.”

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THE CROSSINGS, WILD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

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VINTAGE
2020
STYLE
White
BLEND OF GRAPES
Sauvignon Blanc
WINEMAKER
Natalie Christen
ALCOHOL
13.5%

