



Braided River

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2010

The principal vineyard for Braided River sits on the confluence of the mighty Wairau and Waihopai Rivers in Marlborough, New Zealand.

Viticulture

Marlborough's natural environment stirs the imagination with no better example than the 2010 vintage. The growing season was highlighted by climactic extremes. It began with the warmest August on record, followed by the coolest two months for 18 years. The subsequent late flowering ensured the benefits of a warm, dry growing season; leading to smaller crops of excellent quality showing structure and vibrancy with bright, ripe acids. Every bunch was intense with the classic cool-climate pungency of Marlborough.

Winemaking

Our winemakers are passionate about allowing our Sauvignon Blanc's unique character to flourish in the vineyard, they work gently with minimal handling in the winery to ensure every glass is filled with this vivid signature. The vineyard components were individually fermented, long and cool, with selected yeast strains to showcase their personalities. Once assembled, after a month resting on fine lees, these batches each took a role in the style of the finished wine as it was bottled fresh and early.

Winemakers Comments

Every sip of this superb Sauvignon Blanc expresses pure Marlborough magic and the vivacity of a classic vintage. Lifted aromas of crushed lime and grapefruit dart from the glass and over the palate to excite the senses. The palate is instantly rich and mouth filling before the juicy acidity refreshes the mouth and provides the vehicle for a long, fine, flavour packed finish. Enjoy young and fresh with steamed shellfish or twice baked goat's cheese soufflé.

Vintage Information

Winemaker	Matthew Mitchell & Simon Barker
Viticulturist	John van der Linden
Alc/Vol	13.0%
Titrateable Acid	7.92g/l
pH	3.27
Residual Sugar	3.5g/l



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