

TANTALUS SAUVIGNON BLANC MARLBOROUGH 2021



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WINEMAKING

Whole bunch pressed and cold settled, then racked in equal portions to a small stainless steel tank and French oak barrels of second and third use for gentle extraction. Inoculated with a selected single yeast strain for a slow, cold, malo-ethanolic fermentation to retain freshness and varietal expression while reducing acidity for a balanced structure. The barrel portion regularly underwent bâtonnage which has added great mouthfeel and complexity to the blend.

HARVEST REPORT

Region: Awatere Valley, Marlborough
Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc
Harvest: 100% hand harvest
Brix: 21
Dates: 27th March 2021, in the cool of the morning

VINTAGE REPORT

Late spring frosts and some challenging weather over flowering resulted in reduced crop levels across the region. These moderate crops combined with warm settled weather throughout the mid to later stages of the growing season provided perfect conditions to deliver pristine fruit, and earlier than we have ever experienced. The clear, warm days continued right through March enabling us to pick small parcels of perfectly ripe fruit at our leisure without any pressure from the elements.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Alcohol:	Residual Sugar:	pH:	TA:	Allergens:
13%	2.9g/l	3.1	6.9g/l	Sulphites

TASTING NOTES

A whisper of lime sorbet and grapefruit curd are underpinned by tropical aromas of hibiscus and Arabian jasmine. Lemon cheesecake and biscuit crumb characters were gently finessed in the barrel with lees ageing providing great depth.

Cellaring Potential: 2-5 years

FOOD PAIRINGS

New Zealand green-lipped mussels with garlic butter, roasted asparagus salad with lemon and feta, confit Jerusalem artichokes with citrus crème fraîche, herbed goat cheese on crostini, Thai green curry.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

A Tantalus is a small wooden cabinet that contains two or three decanters of precious wine, for which there is a lock and key. The Tantalus prevents unauthorised people from opening the cabinet and drinking its contents, while allowing the bottles' beauty to be on display. With a key to our Tantalus wines, one obtains access to the secrets of the treasures held within.

