

THE NED SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Waihopai Valley, Marlborough



TASTING NOTES: Punchy aromatics of lemon and lime citrus with undertones of juicy tropical fruits, fill the nose. Plush on the palate, showing juicy grapefruit freshness with lively acidity carrying these classical Waihopai Valley characters to a lengthy finish.

VITICULTURE: A warm and wet winter spurred an early start to the growing season with fully charged soil moistures and warm ambient temperatures in early spring. The few frosts through September and October did little to disrupt the healthy development of strong, lush canopies. Flowering began with cooler temperatures and periodic bouts of rain in the early summer, with the weather improving as we headed towards Christmas; typical with respect to warmth, sunshine hours and rainfall. Late summer warmth in late February and March along with careful canopy management, delivered slowly ripened, disease free, incredibly clean fruit. Harvest commenced in mid-March. Due to the long, cool ripening season, fruit was harvested significantly later than usual but retained all of its vibrancy of flavor and crisp, ripe acids. The team are excited by the bright flavor expressions and huge diversity of character coming through in the wines of the 2023 vintage.

VINIFICATION: The preservation of aromatic and fruit flavors from the vineyard through to the winery is of the utmost importance in our Sauvignon Blanc. The fruit is field destemmed before being gently pressed into stainless steel tanks. The juice is fermented at cool temperatures with selected yeast strains aimed at developing a full flavor spectrum; from green and citrus notes to riper, more tropical flavors. Vegan Certified.

STORY: Born of the Waihopai Valley, The Ned represents the vibrant diversity that is so prevalent in the Marlborough wine-growing region. One of Marlborough's famous peaks, The Ned mountain served as the playground for Marisco founder, Brent Marris, during his youth. The ethos "Young At Heart" encapsulates this wine; a true expression of grassroots winemaking that places the energy and liveliness of adventure in every bottle.

PRODUCER: Marisco Vineyards

REGION: Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

GRAPE(S): 100% Sauvignon Blanc

ALCOHOL: 13%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 7.24 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.0 G/L

pH: 3.16