

# DOG POINT

The name Dog Point dates from the earliest European settlement of Marlborough and the introduction of sheep (and sheep dogs) to the district.



## Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc 2018

Marlborough, New Zealand

### ESTATE

Almost since its inception, Dog Point has been recognized as among the very top wine producers in New Zealand. Their two Sauvignon Blancs, their Pinot Noir and their Chardonnay are all wines of astounding quality and complexity – not just in the context of New Zealand wines, but globally. Their wines are hand-crafted from estate fruit grown on some of the oldest vines and best sites in Marlborough, some plantings dating back to the 1970s. In a region where 95% of grapes are harvested by machine, the winery's insistence on lower yields and hand-harvesting makes them truly stand out amongst the masses.

### WINE

Dog Point's Sauvignon Blanc has become the icon in its category, a stainless steel Sauvignon Blanc that pulsates with energy, expressiveness and complexity that push the boundaries of what you may expect from Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Grapes are mainly planted on free draining silty clay loams on the flats of the valley. This soil allows for the expression of intense citrus and grapefruit flavors in the fruit.

*Farming:* Dog Point has farmed organically for over a decade and are now certified.

### WINEMAKING

*Harvest:* Hand picked fruit, sorted in the vineyard and again at the winery.

*Fermentation:* Whole-cluster pressed, reducing the extraction of vegetative pyrazines and bitter anthocyanins. Fermented in stainless steel using a combination of indigenous and cultured yeasts.

*Aging:* 2-3 months in tanks, bottled without fining and aged further in bottle.

*Alcohol:* 13%

### VINTAGE

2018 harvest will be remembered as one of the shortest ever at Dog Point Vineyard. It brought records all around, with the warmest January on record in 60 years as well as the highest rainfall recorded in February. Overall, a mild spring and above average early/midsummer temperatures ensured excellent fruit quality and a rewarding vintage. Additional canopy management was required due to the rain, including under vine weeding and inter row mowing to better allow sunlight and wind penetration.

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

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"The 2018 Sauvignon Blanc is on the tropical end of the spectrum, with hints of guava, pineapple and nectarine—a real fruit bowl. It's medium-bodied and silky in texture, with a long, flavorful finish."

- JOE CZERWINSKI, 3/2019

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