

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 2020

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: 4 months in tanks, bottled without fining and aged further in bottle.

Alcohol: 13.0%

VINTAGE

A warm growing season with very dry conditions between January and April with only 45mm falling (less than 30% of the average). A season which will be remembered for other reasons however, with a global pandemic affecting staffing movements and logistics but one where calm decision making and patience resulted in perfect ripening conditions, and a very rewarding season. One of the best the region has experienced in recent years.

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Decanter

"Powerful, precise and classic Dog Point Sauvignon: stylish and mineral nose of citrus and tropical fruit and an abundance of fresh herbs. All the attributes displayed in the bouquet come alive on the silky, fresh, salivating and fruity palate. A lively, refreshing example; well made, lengthy, and tasty." - C.D., 11/2020