



AUNTSFIELD

NEW ZEALAND

South Oaks

BARREL FERMENTED
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1873.

Our Single Block wines display qualities distinctive to grapes grown within a defined area at Auntsfield Estate. Consistent quality and character over many vintages has separated these single blocks out as producing our Reserve Wines.

South Oaks Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc - This small 2 hectare block is situated at the very southern elevated corner of the vineyard next to some old Oak trees. It has a unique free draining soil made up of crushed Greywacke rock that has fallen from the steep hill behind.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Bright straw

AROMA: Ripe tropical fruit core with mango, passionfruit, lychee and citrus. Lifted notes of dry herbs and lime leaf, supplemented by complex aromas of honeycomb and roasted hazelnut.

PALATE: This wine displays purity and great length. The generous pallet is supported with a rich and creamy mouthfeel with underlying chalky minerality providing linear structure. The mouthfeel is intense and yet seamless and well balanced.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14% | pH 3.21 | TA 6.3

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The fruit is hand-picked into small baskets. At the winery it is hand sorted then gently whole bunch pressed, and the juice fermented in French oak barriques. After fermentation the wine is aged in barrels on yeast lees for 10 months.

VITICULTURALISTS NOTES

Vigour and fertility in this block is very low resulting from the high Greywacke rock content. As a result the vines are treated differently to normal Sauvignon Blanc with only 2 canes laid, shoot thinned to 16 shoots, hand leaf plucked with a high 80% exposure. Very small berried and open bunches are typical in this block, with an average cropping level of 2.5kg per vine. At harvest the berries take on a blush appearance as it is ripened to around 24-25 Brix. One of the secrets to this block is that it holds its acidity level at high brix / ripeness levels.



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