



AUNTSFIELD  
NEW ZEALAND

*Single Vineyard*

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017  
SOUTHERN VALLEYS • MARLBOROUGH

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

Our Single Vineyard wines are made from grapes grown at Auntsfield Estate. Each wine shows the distinctive characteristics of ripeness, texture and minerality - qualities unique to the ancient Greywacke rock and Loess clay soils of the vineyard.

Sauvignon Blanc - Auntsfield Estate aims to produce a distinctive style of Sauvignon Blanc. The style is aimed towards texture, complexity and length, balancing the typical Marlborough fruit spectrum and aromatics with richness and mouth feel.

#### TASTING NOTES

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COLOUR: Pale straw

AROMA: Lifted and pure aromas of passionfruit, ripe citrus and lime leaf. Notes of fresh and dried herbs, gooseberry and redcurrant add pungency and intensity to the aromatics.

PALATE: Powerful, tight and elegant. This wine displays intense ripe fruit flavours of passionfruit juice and white peach, with citrus notes of lime and mandarin pith. The palate has intense concentration and generous weight, balanced by an underlying minerality and tight structure to shape a wine with lively tension and textural balance.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 13.0% | pH 3.14 | TA 7.4

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

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Cool fermentation with cultured yeast in stainless steel tanks was utilised to retain the fresh varietal aromatics. This was balanced by a portion of the fruit subjected to traditional winemaking practices; handpicked, whole bunch pressed and fermented in seasoned oak barrels, adding texture and length to the wine. The result is a hand-crafted wine combining the bright fresh fruit characters with an underlying minerality and fine structure.

#### VITICULTURALIST NOTES

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The 2017 season was characterised by a cold spring and cool growing season, resulting in low natural cropping levels. A long Autumn produced excellent conditions, allowing the fruit to ripen over an extended period of time providing clean fruit that looked exceptionally bright and vibrant. A season that rewarded vigilance, lower cropping levels and an earlier ripening period before any late Autumn rain.



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