



2019 Sauvignon Blanc

Established in 1984, our land was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin, in the late 1800s. The over 130 year-old cottage that still stands on our property serves as both an icon and hospitality centre for our winery. Our wines come from our sustainably-farmed vineyards planted on ancient riverbeds. While the beating heart of Te Kairanga has always been Pinot Noir, small parcels of exceptional Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Pinot Gris showcase the abundance of our region.

MARTINBOROUGH

Martinborough is at the southern end of New Zealand's North Island. Roughly 90 minutes from Wellington, New Zealand's capital, this tiny region accounts for less than 2% of the country's total wine production.

Martinborough is protected from the harsh elements by a range of mountains to the southwest and west creating a climate that is mild, breezy, dry and ideal for cool-climate grapes. Most of the premier vineyards are planted on stony terraces that provide exceptional drainage and high mineral content. More than half of Martinborough's vineyards are planted to Pinot Noir.

VINEYARDS

At Te Kairanga, we have 105 hectares of vines planted at four vineyard sites in the Martinborough appellation. This diversity provides our winemaking team with a wide array of aromatics, flavours, textures and styles to work with.

The Martinborough Terrace, considered one of the premier growing areas, is home to our Home and McLeod Vineyards. Once an ancient riverbed, it features deep gravel and alluvial soils and a mild climate.

At slightly higher elevations with more extreme conditions are our Spring Rock and Rua vineyards. All of our properties are sustainably farmed.

WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of the site. The grapes are harvested block by block at optimum ripeness and fermented individually. Partial barrel fermentation in seasoned French oak puncheons was used to add complexity and texture. Gentle handling ensures the expression of our special place. Balanced oak treatment and minimal fining and filtration help preserve both varietal character and the inimitable personality of the terroir.

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| CLONES | MS |
| REGION | Martinborough, New Zealand |
| ALCOHOL | 12.5% |
| AGING | 3 months in neutral French oak |
| TA | 6.9 g/L |
| PH | 3.03 |
| RS | 3.3 g/L |

TASTING

Our 2019 Sauvignon Blanc is bursting with tropical fruit aromas and enticing herbal notes.

On the palate, the wine delivers full texture whilst maintaining the vibrant, refreshing characters for which Martinborough is renown.

This wine will pair beautifully with Bluff oysters in the half-shell.