



# WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



## RESERVE ALBARIÑO 2021

### TASTING NOTES

Elegant citrus blossom aromatics combine seamlessly with notes of green apple and grapefruit. The palate is vibrant and well defined with polished mineral acidity.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Flowering commenced in the first week of December. During this period, the region experienced less than perfect flowering conditions which resulted in a lower-than-average potential yield. Balance of yield to canopy health was excellent. January, February, and March produced some of the driest months ever recorded with picking beginning in the last week of February and concluding in the last week of March culminating in one of the earliest vintages in the region and also one of the most exceptional harvests we have seen. The warm fine weather through the late summer provided exceptionally clean and healthy fruit, creating the a riper spectrum of tropical fruit flavours, this provided the winemakers with an extensive array of complimentary blending components from which to assemble some fantastic wines. The resulting wines from the 2021 vintage have wonderful fruit concentration aromatic power and defining elegance which are all hallmarks of this outstanding vintage. The elegance and poise seen from the 2021 wines will truly make this one of the most celebrated years for some time.

### VINIFICATION

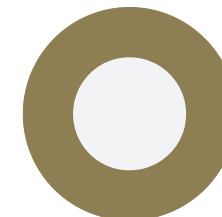
Hand harvested in the cool of the early morning from The Angler vineyard on the banks of the Wairau River. Whole clusters were given a small amount of skin contact before being gently pressed. Only free run juice was used to retain fruit purity and finesse. Predominantly fermented in stainless steel.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Green Apple		Lemon	
Grapefruit		White Peach	

## VINEYARD COMPOSITION

The Angler



## TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 18th March 2021

Alc	14%
RS	3.5g/L
TA	9.1g/L
pH	3.2



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