



WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



RESERVE ALBARIÑO 2023

TASTING NOTES

Elegant citrus blossom aromatics combine seamlessly with notes of green apple, grapefruit and white peach. The palate is vibrant and refreshing, with mid palate fruit weight and a saline texture providing structure and length, in combination with fine mineral acidity.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Warm settled weather in spring and early summer provided great conditions for flowering and fruit set, resulting in yields more aligned with the long-term average than in previous vintages.

The classic dry windy weather Marlborough normally experiences throughout summer was this year replaced with extended periods of cloud cover and rainfall, causing some initial concern from the viticulture and winemaking teams, however once ripening commenced the weather settled and remained fine and windy throughout harvest.

The increased soil moisture ultimately resulted in excellent canopy development and overall vine health, alleviating any initial disease concerns, and the reduced sunshine hours and cooler daily temperatures helped slow and extend the ripening period resulting in wines of intense concentration and poise. Harvesting progressed smoothly with the favourable weather conditions allowing the winemakers to hang the bunches out on the vine to achieve optimum ripeness, with picking commencing in the 3rd week of March and completed before the end of April.

VINIFICATION

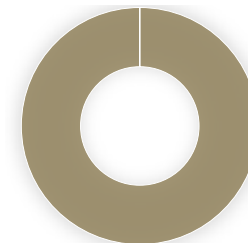
Sourced exclusively from our Angler vineyard on the banks of the Wairau River, select bunches were carefully hand harvested in the cool of the morning followed by destemming and overnight skin contact. Gentle pressing to extract only the finest free run juice, followed by fermentation in small volume stainless steel vessels to retain the elegant floral aromatics and bright acidity. The wine was kept on light lees for an extended period post fermentation to help build texture and complexity on the palate, followed by finishing and bottling on the Wairau River estate.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

Green apple		Lemon	
Grapefruit		White peach	

VINEYARD COMPOSITION

The Angler



TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 05 April 2023

Alc	12.4%
RS	5.25g/L
TA	8.3g/L
pH	3.3



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