



OHAU GRAVELS

Sauvignon Blanc 2010

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

North of the Kapiti Coast in New Zealand's newest winegrowing area of Ohau, pioneer winery Ohau Gravels is producing exciting, elegant wines with intense fruit flavours. Before planting in this fledgling region, shaped over time by the Ohau River, viticulturist Kate Gibbs identified river terrace soils similar to those of top Marlborough vineyards, and it's own microclimate.



Winemaker:

Jane Cooper

Colour:

Pale gold

Aroma:

Mineral and lime characters with a hint of passionfruit and a slightly leesy note.

Palate:

Fresh with vibrant acidity and hints of lime and citrus. The palate is mouth filling and well-balanced with a mineral-edged finish.

Viticulture:

Our Ohau vineyards have stony, free-draining soils, ideal for growing grapes. The fruit for this wine was the second harvest from our Sauvignon Blanc vineyard. The Kapiti Coast is famous for its unique microclimate. The long warm, dry late autumn and cool nights assisted flavour development during the ripening of the Sauvignon Blanc.

Winemaking:

These grapes are selectively hand-picked from the best blocks in the vineyard to ensure only the finest grapes were used for this wine. The juice was gently pressed and settled before starting fermentation with an aromatic yeast strain to enhance the varietal character of the wine. Additionally we fermented about five per cent of the wine in old oak barrels using indigenous (the yeasts that come in from the vineyard, on the skins of the grapes) yeasts. This provided complexity and texture to the wine.

Cellaring:

This wine is best enjoyed within eighteen months to two years from vintage date.

Food Match:

Pair with grilled salmon or pan-fried snapper and serve with Mediterranean-style vegetables.

Technical Analysis:

Alcohol 12.50% v/v
Titratable Acidity 7.8 g/litre
Residual sugar 4.5 g/litre
pH 3.38

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