



MOUNT RILEY

MARLBOROUGH WINEMAKERS

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MOUNT RILEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008

WINEMAKERS NOTES:

Marlborough's warm spring in 2007 resulted in even fruit set and prosperous yields. We were excited by the quality of early picks and the 2008 vintage was talked up as the "dream vintage". Mother Nature however had the last say as repeated and intense rain was forecast mid-vintage. Luckily, the low yields on Mount Riley's 280 acres of company owned vineyard meant that most of our fruit was ripe for the picking prior to the rain. Being a self sufficient company with our own winery, vineyard equipment and staff - which we call "earth to glass winemaking" - meant that we were able to operate around the clock prior to the rains to get most of our fruit in, hence avoiding dilution and disease. A final quality control was implemented at blending - only Mount Riley's finest parcels of Sauvignon Blanc were put under the Mount Riley label.

Our 2008 Sauvignon Blanc is a blend from several vineyard sites throughout the Marlborough region, with over 90% from the Wairau Valley. Grapes were crushed and destemmed prior to pressing and fermentation was induced by the introduction of carefully selected yeast strains. We fermented in stainless steel at cool temperatures to preserve the lifted aromatics in this wine.

TASTING NOTES:

Colour Light yellow/straw.

Bouquet Pungent capsicum, gooseberry, grapefruit and stonefruit aromas are complimented by clean cut grass and mineral notes.

Palate Inviting fresh citrus and tropical fruit flavours overlay mineral characters. Balanced structure with racy acidity, good texture a concentrated mid-palate and a crisp finish.

Drink Drinking well now, this wine can be enjoyed until late 2010. Great as an aperitif or match with seafood, light meats, pasta, salads or Asian cuisine.

OTHER INFORMATION

Grape varieties: Sauvignon Blanc

Origin: Marlborough, NZ

Alcohol: 13%

RS: 3.9g/l

Bottle Barcode: 9419663020002

Carton Barcode: 19419663020009

Availability: Widely available in NZ & overseas.

