



Arona

MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

Tasting

On the nose – very intense, luscious tropical fruits with a rich, spiced stone-fruit character and just a nod to a slightly briny, passion-fruit edge.

In the mouth, the attack is rich, lush and tropical but beautifully balanced by a taught, deliciously mouth-watering acidity full of super-ripe citrus. The mid palate is bright and light with a fine texture and body. The finish is full of sweet herbs and cut grass, along with an intense, fine, incredibly long smack of passion-fruit and kiwi fruit.

The Vineyards

Vintage 2018 was, truly, a season of two halves. The first three months of the growing season were about as good as it gets with very few frosty nights, nicely timed rain events and fabulous weather at flowering. Due to the near perfect flowering conditions, a small amount of fruit dropping was required to bring crops back to the level required.

Winemaker Notes

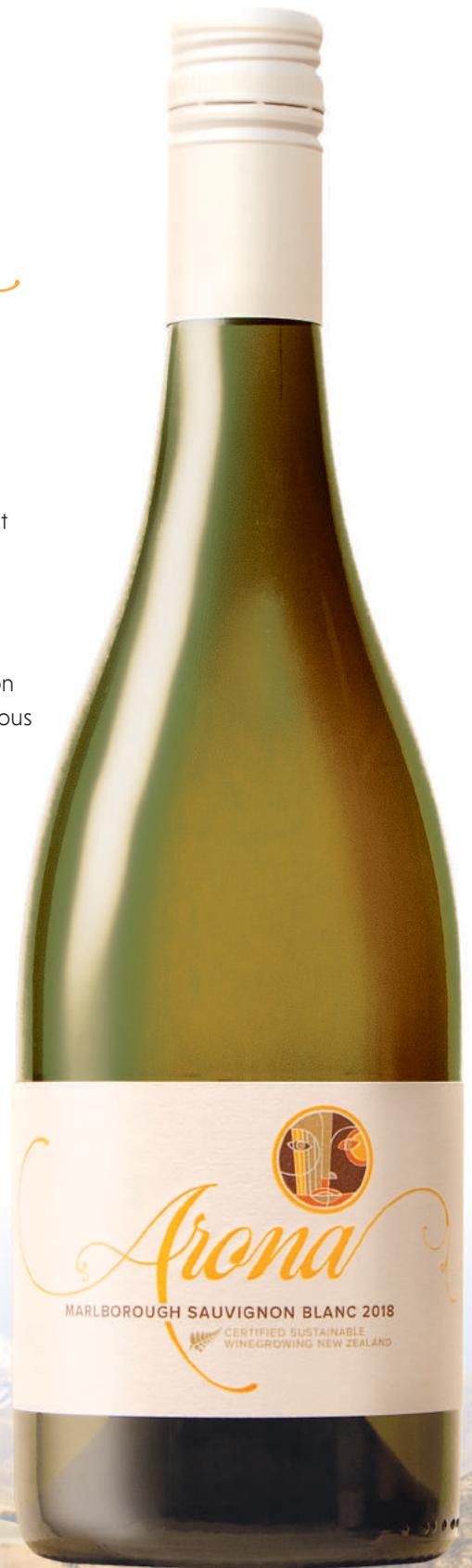
The most unusual thing (and it's just about unique in our history) about this year's Arona is that so much of the fruit was harvested on the same day – 95% from four vineyard blocks and two varieties but all on the same day. Once in the winery, simplicity ruled. Absolute minimal additions from go to woe, so completely in line with our philosophy.

Food Pairing

Arona's fruitier style makes it a great food wine for scallops and seafood as well as lighter chicken dishes, appetizers and salads.

Technical Details

Region	55% Blind River, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 40% Goldschmidt, West Rapaura Road, 5% Muritai Riesling	Post Ferment Operations	No fining agents required Cold Stabilised
Clone and Rootstock	50% Mass Select on Schwarzmann 40% Mass Select on unknown 5% Mass Select on Riparia Gloire	Residual Sugar	3.9g/L
Pick Dates	95% 21st April 3% 19th April 2% 20th April	pH	3.38
		TA	7.4g/L
		Alcohol	12.5%
		Suggested Retail	\$12.99



Our wines are certified under the Sustainable Wine Growing program (SWNZ) requiring the vineyard, winemaking and bottling to be sustainably certified.