



SPY VALLEY E Block Sauvignon Blanc 2021



Country

New Zealand

Region

Marlborough

Subregion

Waihopai Valley - E Block

Viticulturist

Adam McCone

Winemakers

Wendy Stuckey & Emily Gaspard-Clark

Certifications

Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand,
Appellation Wine Marlborough (AMW)

Varietal Blend

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol Content

13.5%

Residual Sugar

2.7 g/L

Soil Type

Alluvial silt loam over
gravel, well drained

Serving Note

Vegan friendly

HISTORY

In the 1990's, deep in the Waihopai Valley, Bryan and Jan Johnson established 180 hectares/445 acres of estate vineyards on land considered too hard, too dry and too unfertile for wine. This pioneering spirit is one of New Zealand's most successful and Marlborough's few remaining 100% Kiwi family-owned wineries. Located up the road from a US government listening post (the Spy base) - Spy Valley Wines focuses on a sustainable philosophy and shares their secrets with us through every bottle. Sauvignon Blanc 2022 was selected for Appellation Marlborough Wine's 2022 Annual Collection - a benchmark for Marlborough Sauvignon Blancs and for others to strive to be.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Harvest 2021 was a winemaker's dream with impeccable weather throughout the ripening period leading to beautiful disease-free fruit. Combined with warm days and cool nights the resulting flavors and acidity are well balanced. Cooler weather during flowering and a couple of visits from "Jack Frost" led to smaller bunches and lighter crops. Harvested at peak flavor maturity from Spy's E Block Vineyard Block in the Waihopai Valley. Gentle juice extraction, cold settled and fermented in stainless steel tanks and a portion in older oak (15%) with a range of aromatic yeasts.

TASTING NOTES

Distinctive flavors of passionfruit and sweet lime intermingled with layers of minerality. Mid-palate is rich and textured with a mouth-watering acidity.

ACCOLADES

90

Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021

