



## SPY VALLEY Easy Tiger Sauvignon Blanc 2021



### Country

New Zealand

### Region

Marlborough

### Subregion

Waihopa Valley

### Viticulturist

Adam McCone

### Winemakers

Wendy Stuckey & Emily Gaspard-Clark

### Varietal Blend

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### Alcohol Content

9.5%

### 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.

### VINIFICATION and MATURATION

2021 harvest was a winemaker's dream, experiencing impeccable weather throughout the ripening period which led to beautiful fruit. Combined with warm days and cool nights, the resulting flavors and acidity are well-balanced. Cooler weather during flowering in spring and a couple of visits from "Jack Frost" led to smaller bunches and lighter crops.

Grapes are vertical shoot positioned, shoot and bunch thinning occurs to manage yield per vine and to open the canopy to increase light exposure and air movement. Harvested from selected sites, gentle juice extraction, cold settled and fermented in stainless steel tanks with a range of aromatic yeasts. A portion of the wine went through malo-lactic fermentation to soften and add weight to the palate. The wine was aged on light lees for several months before blending and bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

A naturally crafted wine to be lower in alcohol, and a light, refreshing easy choice. Hints of fresh herbs with layers of citrus lime. Bright and lively on the palate, with orange peel and green apple flavors.

