



BLICKS LANE

Marlborough - New Zealand



Background

Blicks Lane Vineyards is a project by brothers Clyde and Nigel Sowman of Walnut Block Wines. The label emerged from the brothers' desire to showcase another single-vineyard site under the Walnut Block name, but unfortunately, they couldn't convince any of their neighbors to sell their land. Instead, they settled on a long-term lease for a neighboring vineyard and called the new label Blicks Lane. Two single-vineyard wines are made under this label: Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. Organic farming coupled with Marlborough's sunny climate and the ancient alluvial soils of the Wairau Valley yield consistently healthy and well-balanced grapes. The winemaking features both native and inoculated ferments and a combination of stainless steel (Sauvignon Blanc) and barrel aging (Pinot Noir) to highlight Marlborough's distinctive flavors. Today, Blicks Lane is one of Marlborough's "hidden gems," offering incredible value and serious quality for single block wines from a certified organic vineyard.

Highlights

- 1** Blicks Lane makes single-vineyard Sauvignon Blanc & Pinot Noir from a certified organic vineyard in Marlborough.
- 2** The wine styles are textbook Marlborough: zippy, fruity Sauv Blanc and plush, vibrant Pinot Noir.
- 3** Given the generally high prices of the variety today, the Blicks Lane Pinot Noir is an exceptional value.

Wines



Sauvignon Blanc SRP \$16

All stainless ferment and aging. A quintessential Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, with herbal and tropical fruit notes against zippy acidity.



Pinot Noir SRP \$16

Whole berry ferment, used oak aging. Generous fruit, earthy tones and subtle spicy oak. Very stylish and appealing.

Ethos



Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press



Seriously over-delivers for the sub-\$20 price tag.

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