WALNUT BLOCK

Marlborough - New Zealand

Background

Walnut Block is the vision of two brothers, Clyde and Nigel Sowman, who have joined together to create a range of wines reflecting their collective experience and passions. Situated in the renowned Wairau Valley, Walnut Block Wines takes its name from the landmark walnut tree within the vinevard itself. The 42-acre vinevard is located on the Wairau Vallev plains, a dry ancient riverbed which has created a prime growing area for great wines, particularly intense aromatic Sauvignon Blanc. Since 2002, Nigel has become a recognized authority on organic viticulture. Today, he is also the viticulturist for Dog Point. The Walnut Block estate vineyards have been certified organic since 2009. Particular care is also given in the vineyard to leaf removal, different trellising methods for different blocks, and harvest is always done at night to preserve freshness. The difference between the two Sauvignon Blanc offerings is that the 'Collectables' is aged in stainless, bringing a bright, fruity profile, and the 'Nutcracker' is partially aged in old oak, which adds a bit of depth and complexity.

Highlights

The Walnut Block Estate, whose name is a reference to the region's oldest walnut tree planted among their vines, is certified organic.

Nigel Sowman is also the viticulturist at Dog Point, one of New Zealand's top producers.

Walnut Block represents the best of the Wairau Valley. At \$16 SRP, this Sauvignon Blanc is a steal for both glass pours & retail.

Wine

'Collectables' Sauvignon Blanc SRP \$16

Amid the vines stands the region's oldest walnut tree-a symbol of deep roots and history. The Collectables label pays tribute with an adaptation of New Zealand's 1898 Kiwi stamp, honoring both the tree's planting and the stamp's release over a century ago.

This is textbook Marlborough Savvy B. It is fermented and aged in stainless steel, and sees four months of lees aging. It is broad, bright, and zesty.

Ethos





Packaging



Experimental



Press



...dry, crisp and fruity, with zingy lime and passionfruit at the finish.

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