



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 vineyard itself. The 43-acre vineyard is located on the Wairau Valley 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

- 1** The Walnut Block Estate, whose name is a reference to the region's oldest walnut tree planted among their vines, is certified organic.
- 2** The Sauvignon Blancs see a few months of lees aging, giving the wine some texture to balance the tropical fruit-forwardness.
- 3** Walnut Block 'Collectables' represents the best of the Wairau Valley; at \$15 SRP, this Sauvignon Blanc is a steal.

Wines



'Collectables' Sauvignon Blanc SRP \$15

This is textbook Marlborough SB. It is fermented and aged in stainless steel, and sees four months of lees aging. Broad, bright, and bombastic.



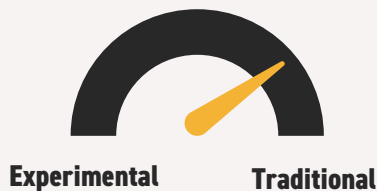
'Nutcracker' Sauvignon Blanc SRP \$25

This wine comes from Walnut Block's most mineral-driven blocks planted in 1996. It is both fermented and aged in 30% neutral French barriques, giving it more depth than 'Collectables.'

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Packaging



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

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'Collectables' 2022