



Walnut Block

2019

'NUTCRACKER'

Sauvignon Blanc | *Marlborough - New Zealand*



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyard: Walnut Block Estate

Vine Age: 23-years-old

Soil Type: Alluvial sand & clay

Viticulture: Certified Organic (Bio-Gro New Zealand)

Fermentation: Native (30% - barrel portion) - inoculated (70% stainless-steel)

Skin Contact: None

Aging: 4 months in neutral French barrique (30%) then racked to stainless-steel for two months - 6 months in stainless steel (70%)

pH: 3.44

Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Total SO₂: 80 ppm

Total Production: 2,000 cases

Reviews

Decanter | 92 points

About

Nutcracker' is selected from the blocks of the Walnut Block Estate that produce the most intense fruit off of the most mineral-driven sites. The fruit all hails from the original blocks, planted in 1996. The vines are specially trained in the Scott Henry divided canopy system, which allows excellent light penetration and air flow without removing any leaves. Organic principles are followed, ensuring healthy fruit growth in an eco-friendly environment, and the vineyard has been certified for nearly 15 years now.

The grapes were handpicked and then gently whole-bunch pressed to one-third old barrels as the rest was sent to stainless-steel. The barrel portion was fermented with ambient yeast while the the stainless-steel lots were fermented with a house cultured yeast strain. The barreled Sauvignon is really deep and complex and melds nicely with the more vivacious and lively stainless-steel wine. After four months in barrel on gross lees the barrel portion is racked to stainless steel to settle for an additional two months. Following a total of six months aging, the wines are blended to tank to settle and then bottled without fining and with a coarse filtration and small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Richly textured and quite concentrated Sauvignon Blanc, with pink grapefruit, guava, lemongrass and red capsicum flavors. Weighty wine with a hint of nutty yeast lees character. Quite a complex and appealing Sauvignon.