# 2017 Sauvignon Blanc MARLBOROUGH



Brothers Theo, Alex and Marcel Giesen believe they have a responsibility to be kind to the land, to nurture it for future generations. Throughout the years Giesen have made a significant investment in organics. The Giesen Organic Sauvignon Blanc is a blend from vineyards in Marlborough's renowned Wairau Valley, each site certified with BioGro New Zealand.

This wine exudes vibrant citrus flavours melded with fennel and nettle aromas, a full-bodied wine with generous fruit weight.

## Vineyard region

Wairau Valley, Marlborough. 90% Herkt Vineyard and 10% Dillons Point vineyard. Organic certification with BioGro NZ.

### Vintage conditions

The 2017 growing season was one of the most challenging the Marlborough wine industry has experienced. A major earthquake in November, an inclement summer, extraordinary January winds, followed by a series of major rain events during a drawn out and humid harvest. Despite this, the organic vines had moderate set and were picked early in the first week of March with optimum ripeness.

#### Winemaker

Nikolai St George

#### Winemaking

For our Organic Sauvignon Blanc we separate the juice into three different parcels to create three different styles. One parcel was fermented clean and bright and fermented in a style that promoted aromatics; another parcel was uninoculated to promote more of a textural style; and the third parcel was fermented in barrel to produce a textural style with oak driven aromatics. The result, a complex fullbodied organic Sauvignon Blanc.

#### Wine info:

Alc/Vol: 12.5% | pH: 3.2 | TA: 7.1 g/L | Residual Sugar: 3.4 g/L

# Food match

Our winemakers suggest pairing our Organic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with fresh shell fish such as mussels or clams, steamed in a simple tomato, garlic and fresh herb broth with a touch of chilli.











