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In Brief

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About the Estate

Isabel Estate has some of the oldest vines in Marlborough on original rootstock. Throughout the 1980s, Mike Tiller and his wife Robyn planted key noble varietals, including Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, and Riesling. Their ambition was to produce ultra-premium classic grape varieties that were a true expression of Marlborough. Their chosen parcel of land delivered fruit of exceptional quality, and it wasn't long before the wines were in high demand from premium and internationally renowned New Zealand wine producers.

Under the leadership of Chief Winemaker Jeremy McKenzie, the winery continues to build its reputation for award winning Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, as well as world class Chardonnay. Recognised and awarded, the estate has won the Marlborough Wine Show 2021 awards, 2020 Marlborough Chardonnay, a trophy for the 2020 Wild Barrique Chardonnay, National Wine Awards of Aotearoa NZ 2022, National Winemaker of the Show (Jeremy McKenzie), and New World Champion Chardonnay (2020 vintage).

All fruit is estate grown from the 54 hectares of vines – most of which are organically farmed.

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Isabel Estate has a strong focus on sustainability with 15 hectares of vineyards certified bio-gro organic.

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The wines reflect the Wairau hallmark of fruit intensity and body on account of long sunshine hours and low annual rainfall.

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There is a focus on small-batch winemaking, allowing individual fermentation of parcels and clones, helping to create complex wines with a sense of place.

Isabel Estate Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2024

7 cases for the price of 6 Was £11.65 now **£10.10 DP exVAT.**



Tasting Notes

The nose entices with aromas of grapefruit and citrus, accented by subtle hints of lemongrass and passionfruit. Lifted aromas of passionfruit and gooseberry, lead into a concentrated palate of honeydew melon, lime and grapefruit.

Viticulture

Marlborough's 2024 vintage is known for excellent quality with smaller yields. The dry, warm season contributed to superb fruit while cooler weather during flowering reduced the overall harvest. However, the dry conditions later in the season kept disease pressure low, allowing grapes to ripen fully and develop rich, concentrated flavors across all varieties.

Winemaking

Harvesting occurred in the cool early mornings to preserve the wine's freshness and purity. Each vineyard block was harvested and fermented separately, allowing for a variety of yeast strains to enhance blending options. A brief period of skin contact before pressing ensured maximum flavour extraction from the grape skins. After cold settling, most of the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks to maintain its freshness, while a small portion was fermented in French oak barrels to add depth, complexity, and texture to the final wine.

“The 2024 Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc leads with juniper and cassis, green apples and lemon zest. In the mouth, the wine has a quinine-like freshness and intensity, shaped by pliable phenolics through the middle palate and finish. This is a really classy wine here. It's sophisticated. 13.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.”

94 Points, Erin Larkin, Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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