

Vintage 2017

# 2017 SAINT CLAIR DAWN MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE



*Hand crafted, bottle aged and fermented Marlborough  
Méthode Traditionnelle.*

*Created in celebration of and tribute to Dawn Abbotson,  
the matriarch of Saint Clair, who accomplished one  
hundred years on 12 December 2014*

## *Harvested:*

March 2017

## *Tirage:*

March 2018

## *Dosage:*

September 2020

## *Colour:*

Medium straw coloured with a lasting,  
fine bead.

## *Aroma:*

Elegant and inviting. Biscuit, baked  
pastry, meringue and lemon zest  
combine with layers of citrus fruit,  
oyster shell and pastry crustl.

## *Palate:*

A subtle citrus thread with walnut and  
pastry characters, biscuit and dried  
fruits. Elegant and complex with a rich  
palate and fine mousse.

## *Ageing potential:*

Will benefit from careful, horizontal  
cellaring for ten years and beyond.

## *Viticulture:*

Sourced from the well-drained stone  
and sand alluvium of Rapaura Road,  
in vineyards overlooked by the Saint  
Clair Vineyard Kitchen.

A blend of 60 percent clone 95  
Chardonnay and 40 percent Clone 5  
Pinot Noir grown on spur pruned and  
sylvos trained, 20 year old vines.

## *Winemaking:*

Hand harvested and whole bunch  
pressed, the free run Chardonnay juice  
was steel tank fermented and left to  
undergo malolactic fermentation in  
late spring, stirred on lees throughout.  
The Pinot Noir was lightly pressed and  
fermented cool in seasoned French  
barriques, allowed to mature on light  
lees until blending in early January  
of the next year to prepare for tirage  
nearly one year from the harvest date.

The bottle fermentation took place  
over three months with bottles left to  
rest for a further 27 months until being  
disgorged and liqueur de dosage added.

## *Wine analysis:*

Alcohol 11.5% v/v, Residual sugar  
5.9g/L, Acidity 6.6g/L, pH 3.20

## *Food match:*

Perfect for celebration, as an aperitif or  
match with freshly shucked oysters.

**SENIOR WINEMAKERS:**  
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