

# PIONEER BLOCK 11

## CELL BLOCK SAUVIGNON BLANC

Affectionately named after the owners Sandra and Colin MacKay. Colin a former detective in the New Zealand Police Force sadly passed away during the 2020 vintage after proudly seeing their grapes harvested.

### BLOCK: 11

### REGION:

Dillons Point – Marlborough Valley.

### TERROIR:

**Soils:** This vineyard has free-draining alluvial silt overlying a sandy subsoil.

**Topography:** Flat.

**Climate:** The proximity of this area to the coast makes it cooler than much of inland Marlborough.

### REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND CONTRIBUTION TO UNIQUENESS OF FLAVOURS:

This is a cooler site with slower ripening than the majority of the Marlborough region. It is often one of the very last blocks to be harvested. Site related characteristics include a distinct mineral intensity and a slightly rich salty finish that adds to the weight and length of the wine.

### VITICULTURE:

The fruit was sourced from the Dillons Point area where it was carefully monitored during ripening. Harvesting took place in the cool of the evening when the grapes were at maximum flavour maturity and physiological ripeness.

### WINEMAKING:

The fruit was pressed off as quickly as possible to minimise skin contact and juice deterioration following harvesting. After settling the juice was fermented using selected yeast in 100 per cent stainless steel at cool temperatures to retain fruit flavour and freshness.

### COLOUR:

Pale straw.

### AROMA:

Fresh and fruit driven aromas of ripe citrus, guava and grapefruit.

### PALATE:

Generous layers of grapefruit and rich blackcurrant with underlying mineral characteristics. The palate has a crisp and full mouthfeel and a long lingering finish.

### AGEING:

Drinking beautifully now and best enjoyed over the next two years.

### WINE ANALYSIS:

Alcohol 13.0% v/v, Residual sugar 2.4g/L  
Acidity 7.9g/litre, pH 3.21

### FOOD MATCH:

An ideal match with smoked salmon or green-lipped mussels.

### VEGAN FRIENDLY



**SENIOR WINEMAKER**  
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