

THE CHAMPION

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024



The Champion Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough, New Zealand, embodies a victor's spirit. Produced on the South Island in the iconic Marlborough growing region, the wine pays tribute to the many championship thoroughbred horses this small island has brought to the world of racing. The Champion's freshness and streamlined acidity harkens to the same intensity those champion racehorses bring to the course.

With bursts of tropical grapefruit, bright pineapple and mineral freshness, the wine symbolizes the harmony that exists between man and nature. Just as the jockey wrestles with his steed for hours until he is race-ready, the Champion's winemaking team must expertly train their Sauvignon Blanc vines to produce the perfect grapes in the unique maritime climate of the South Island.

Grown in the fertile alluvial Wairau plains of Marlborough, the stony, well-drained soils create the perfect conditions for Sauvignon Blanc. At Champion Vineyards, the vines are carefully trained to develop smaller canopies, allowing for more sunlight to reach the grape clusters. Cool ocean breezes help keep the vineyards dry and preserve the grapes' signature acidity. This results in a wine with a vibrant, zesty character, bursting with tart, juicy citrus flavors on both the nose and palate.

Produced in a reductive style to prevent oxidation, the wine is kept cool after pressing and fermented in 100% stainless steel barrels with added yeasts to boost fermentation. The result is a light, crisp wine with high acidity, rich in tropical fruit and citrus aromas, complemented by hints of green apple and herbaceous lemongrass which adds brightness.



Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	Marlborough, New Zealand
VARIETALS	100% Sauvignon Blanc
ALCOHOL	13%