

# Forefathers

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

Wax Eye Vineyard • Marlborough, New Zealand

### VINEYARD NOTES

Located in the Brancott sub-appellation of Marlborough in New Zealand, our grapes come from a 19-acre, single-vineyard site called Wax Eye Vineyard on Hawksbury Road. Named so for the birds who like to eat the grapes. Here, a classic cool-climate style of Sauvignon Blanc is derived from glacial soils offering the vines excellent water retention which promotes flavor development. Harvested overnight at very cool temps the grapes are immediately pressed, then inoculated with slow yeast. Cold fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks. Lees stirring for three months accentuates the wine's creaminess. Made exclusively for the US market.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Budburst came early in 2021 to the Marlborough region. September and October saw cool nights and morning frosts. Then unsettled weather in December when the vineyard flowers. Soil conditions were good but with significant reduction in vineyard set. The growing season was beautiful: warm and dry conditions resulting in even ripening. Lower yields and higher acid levels allowed for full-flavored grapes on the vine.

### TASTING NOTES

A style that pairs well with the US Mediterranean food culture, our Sauv Blanc shows vibrant and fresh citrus aromatics, with white peach and passionfruit and underlying tropical stone fruits. Demonstrating minerality and mouth-watering acidity, this wine displays a youthful and dynamic palate with a pleasing fresh passionfruit note that lingers.



### VINTAGE

2021

### VARIETAL

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### APPELLATION

Brancott, Marlborough

### VINEYARD

Wax Eye

### VINES / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

Planted 1984 / 1103P / 2

### SOILS / PRUNING / TRELLIS

Loam over glacial gravel

### HARVEST DATE

3/25/2021

### HARVEST YIELD

4.2 tonnes/hectare

### ALCOHOL / TA / pH

13.5% / 6.0 g/L / 3.34

### FILTERING

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

### CASES PRODUCED

3500, 12-PACKS

### WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt

*One singular vineyard site cannot produce stellar Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz grapes simultaneously. But these are the wines I love to make. The "Forefathers" concept is my salvation because we can farm these three distinct varieties from separate vineyards around the New World. ~*

*Nick Goldschmidt*

