



## Auntsfield Estate 'Single Vineyard' Sauvignon Blanc

Southern Valleys - New Zealand 2013

Auntsfield Estate is the home of Marlborough's first colonial vineyard and winery. The original vineyard was established in 1873 and made highly regarded wine for over 50 years. The dramatic hillside vineyard with its unique variety of soils is again producing premium wines under the guidance of the Cowley family. The proud heritage of the land is the inspiration to produce exciting handcrafted wines of balance and individuality that display the special terroir of this historic Marlborough vineyard.

The North facing hillsides of the Southern Valleys zone at Auntsfield provide optimum ripening and light interception compared to other vineyards on flat land. Auntsfield also has a distinct geological terroir of old soils formed in the last glacial age when retreating glaciers carved out the valleys of Marlborough. In fact, only a small fraction of the wine produced in Marlborough comes from soils older than 200 years. The soils of Auntsfield are 10s of thousands of years old, combined with rock that is millions of years old.

Auntsfield Estate aims to produce a distinctive style of Sauvignon Blanc, defined by a riper flavor spectrum and textural palate (both derived from the rich clay soils of the vineyard) with an underlying minerality. 2013 was characterized by naturally low yields and warm settled weather with very little rainfall. Autumn produced cool and settled conditions which were some of the best seen in many years. This resulted in exceptionally clean fruit at optimal ripeness. Cool ferments with cultured yeast in stainless steel tanks was utilized to retain the fresh varietal aromatics. This was balanced by a portion of the fruit subjected to traditional winemaking practices; handpicked, whole bunch pressed and fermented in seasoned oak barrels, adding texture and length to the wine.

### Composition

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### Yields

2.8 tons/acre

### Elevage

90% Stainless Steel - 10% in seasoned French barrique

### Average Vine Age

20 years

### Soil Type

Loess Clay over Greywacke Rock

### Production

4,500 cases

## Tasting Notes

“ The 2013 Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc has an appealing grapefruit and white peach nose with a lilting undercurrent of fresh herbs and elderflower. Medium-bodied with a great intensity of flavor that nicely straddles the line between fruit and vegetal characters, it has a lively backbone of acid and a good, long finish. ”

## Reviews

The Wine Advocate (Lisa Perrotti-Brown) | 90 points

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