

# RIVER GARDEN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

The Maori word Waimea translates into English as River Garden and is the name we give to our Sauvignon Blanc grown in certified organic vineyards nestled into an elevated corner of the Waimea Plains beneath the foothills of the Richmond Range.

### AROMA AND TASTE

Pure, delicately fragrant aromas of citrus, lemongrass and ripe apple. Light to medium-bodied, the palate is lively with lime, lemon and orange citrus flavours and zest. Tropical notes contribute depth and juicy succulence. Elegantly nuanced rather than loud and pungent in style, there is no lack of crunchy, mouthwatering intensity and drive from beginning to end.

#### VINEYARDS

Grown in the Home and Morison Vineyards sited on an elevated fringe of the Waimea Plains beneath the foothills of the Richmond Range. This ancient alluvial terrace consists of clayrich loam and river stones over deep gravels. Free-draining and warm it is classic sauvignon 'terroir'. Our vineyards have been certified organic since 2011.

The excellent 2023 growing season provided regular rainfall and a long summer which extended throughout the harvest month of March. It was a season without temperature or rainfall extremes.

## WINEMAKING

Harvested in several passes between 15-27 March 2023 to capture a range of flavour profiles. Fruit was predominantly de-stemmed and pressed with minimal skin contact, cold-settled to clarity and tank-fermented with 'wild' and selected aromatic yeast strains. Around 5% of fruit was fermented at warmer temperatures in seasoned French oak barrels. River Garden is a blend of these portions. Bottled in early November 2023.

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Clones: MS Region: Nelson Alcohol: 12.99% v/v Residual Sugar: 2.46g/l Titratable Acidity: 7.0g/l

pH: 3.23



