

GREYWACKE

GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2023

TASTING NOTE Aromas of rock melon, ginger, lime zest and toasted coconut abound. Lemon curd and tangelo flavours provide a juicy foundation to the expansive, full-flavoured palate. Lush and textural in style, the wine is well tempered by chalky oyster shell notes and a generous spine of acidity. A hands-off interpretation of Marlborough sauvignon blanc and an untamed, unique expression of the season and our Southern Valleys terroir.

VITICULTURE Fruit was sourced from various vineyard sites in the Southern Valleys and the central Wairau Plains near Woodbourne. Soil types are predominantly the older, dense clay-loams of the Southern Valleys, containing varying proportions of gravel. The sites around Woodbourne vary from young alluvial deposits full of greywacke river stones, to heavier clay-loams closer to the mouth of the Southern Valleys. The vineyards were trained using two-four cane VSP (vertical shoot positioning) trellis.

WINEMAKING Some vineyards were harvested by machine during cool (often cold) night-time conditions and others by hand during the day. The grapes were lightly pressed to yield a modest volume of high-quality juice, which was then cold-settled prior to racking into French oak barriques, a small percentage of which were new.

The juice was allowed to undergo spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation, the tail end of which continued for well over six months. The wine had occasional lees stirring and approximately two-thirds underwent malolactic fermentation. It was transferred out of oak prior to the following harvest and left on yeast lees for a further six months. The wine was bottled in September 2024, with alcohol 13.5%, pH 3.20 and acidity 6.2 g/l.



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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2022

TASTING NOTE A kaleidoscope of aromas, including lychee, mango and white floral, with herbal notes of tarragon and thyme. The succulent palate is equally intricate with gooseberry compote and tangelo meringue, melding with notes of linseed, lanolin and sandalwood. Bright acidity and a hint of saltiness provide perfect balance to the generous and textured finish. Greywacke Wild Sauvignon is a hands-off style of Marlborough sauvignon blanc, an untamed and singular expression of season and place.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2021

TASTING NOTE Picture a shortcrust pie, loaded with quince and yellow apple, a layer of juicy gooseberries and topped with caramelised lemon slices. Served with a good dollop of vanilla custard and sprinkled with lightly toasted fennel seeds. Complex and textural, Greywacke Wild Sauvignon is a feast for the senses. Fermented with wild yeast, it's a hands-off style of Marlborough sauvignon blanc, with a succulent palate that finishes crisp and long.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2020

TASTING NOTE Imagine a summer fruit salad of paw paw, honeydew melon and ripe, golden quinces – drizzled with citrus flower water and a squeeze of orange skin oil. A delicious floral fragrance and juicy tropical fruit, infused with a fennel-like herbal thread and a faint whiff of wood smoke. Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural, with a rich, succulent palate finishing crisp and long with a flinty dryness.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2019

TASTING NOTE Seductive aromas of homemade apricot jam, vanilla cake and candied lemon peel mingle with a tarragon-like herbal quality, scents of dried meadow hay and a whiff of flintiness. Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is a 'wild child' sauvignon that is both intricate and textural, with a generous, succulent palate that is packed with stonefruit and citrus – a luscious style, yet crisp and dry, with remarkable ageing potential.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2018

TASTING NOTE An enticing combination of ripe summer fruit, fresh herbs and flowers. Candied citrus peel and honeysuckle, shortbread and brioche, tarragon and lemon thyme. A feast of sweet perfume intertwined with a delicate, smoky nuance. Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural, with a rich, generous palate that finishes with a flinty dryness.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2017

TASTING NOTE A sweet-scented fusion of fragrant summer fruit and pastry shop perfume, peaches and nectarines, apple custard and lime meringues – all mingled with a dill-like herbal quality and a faint hint of wood smoke. The palate is fleshy and brimming with stone fruit and citrus, finishing crisp and juicy with a long, flinty dryness. Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2016

TASTING NOTE Imagine – shortbread and friands, quinces and apricots, lemon zest and ginger, honeysuckle and vanilla bean – a delicious, sweet-scented fragrance of ripe fruit and Asian spices infused with a tarragon-like herbal thread and a faint whiff of wood smoke. Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural with a rich, succulent palate finishing crisp and long with a flinty dryness.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2015

TASTING NOTE Decadent patisserie aromatics - brioche, homemade apricot jam and lemon curd, layers of nectarine, yellow peach and ripe pineapple – infused with herbal nuances of tarragon and thyme. Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural with a rich, generous palate.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2014

TASTING NOTE Imagine an almond friand full of white nectarine, blood orange and rockmelon – laced with linseed, tarragon and lightly smoked tea. This is an alternative style that is both intricate and textural, a delicious concoction created by fermenting sauvignon blanc entirely with naturally occurring yeast.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2013

TASTING NOTE Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural. An inviting combination of fragrant patisserie-like aromas and fresh herbs – the sweet scent of lemon meringue and apricot friand seems to meld with a tarragon-like herbal quality and a hint of smokiness. The palate is succulent and packed with stonefruit and vanilla, finishing crisp and long with a flinty dryness.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2012

TASTING NOTE Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast – this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural. A delicate combination of musky peach-skin aromatics and gentle citrus-blossom notes – a dash of lime cordial and a hint of saffron. The palate is lusciously herbal, long and refreshing with flavours of white nectarine flesh, dill and hints of fennel. The finish is succulent and crisp with almost a flinty dryness.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2011

TASTING NOTE Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast – this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural. A succulent combination of yellow peach and brown pears, rolled into rich, short pastry with a sprinkling of a caramelised almonds. The palate is full of lemon curd and vanilla custard with a touch of dried herbs and a lingering grapefruit finish.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2010

TASTING NOTE Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast – this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural. An intriguing fusion of homemade apricot jam and lime marmalade is layered with dried tarragon and a doughy, flinty complexity. The palate is loaded with succulent fruit, pithy citrus rind and laced with minerality – a ‘wild child’ sauvignon with weight and persistence that finishes crisply, with a grapefruit twist.

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GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON 2009

TASTING NOTE Transformed by naturally occurring fermentations this is a sauvignon blanc of considerable depth and opulence. The bouquet has the lushness of a lemon crème brûlée, with sweet vanillin notes infused with thyme and toasted sesame. The palate is generous and crammed with savoury complexity – a 'wild child' sauvignon that is rich and creamy with a lingering chalky texture.

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