



HUNTER'S  
WINES  
MARLBOROUGH  
*Jane Hunter*

**SAUVIGNON BLANC**  
**2016**

*Multi-layered palate with well-balanced crisp acidity.*

**TASTING NOTES**

Sauvignon Blanc has been a flagship wine for Hunter's since the very beginning in 1979. This is the variety that introduced Hunter's and New Zealand wine to the world back in 1986 at the Sunday Times Wine Festival in London.

Classically Marlborough, our 2016 Sauvignon Blanc immediately shows passionfruit and ripe tropical fruit aromas with a touch of herbaceous capsicum. It has a very refreshing multi-layered palate of citrus and tropical fruits. These flavours and aromas leave a fresh lingering finish on the palate making it a full satisfying wine with balanced acidity.

**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Harvest Date	April 2016
Alcohol	13.0%
Total Acidity	7.3 g/l
Residual Sugar	1.06 g/l
Bottling Date	August 2016

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

Spring was dry to start the growing season and late frosts in early December threaten but didn't impact and fruit set was great. Some rain during the growing season in January provided plenty of nutrients and juicy weight to the fruit. A hot and dry summer delivered a harvest as smooth as can be with continuous fruit supply keeping the winery busy. Overall, we received slightly above average yields with optimum quality fruit.

**VINIFICATION**

Our vinification is aimed at retaining the maximum possible fruit aromas and flavours as seen in the vineyard. To do this we use protective anaerobic techniques with minimal handling. The grapes were harvested in the cool of the morning, then destemmed, gently crushed, and pressed to stainless steel tanks. We fermented at low temperatures with neutral yeast. After fermentation, the wine is racked and cold stabilised before bottling.

**ACCOLADES**

**93 POINTS & NO. 1 TOP DROP** – Huon Hooke, Dec 2016

*"Very light straw-green colour, with a bright passionfruit, tropical aroma, and an intense palate showing very good fruit concentration, drive and length. Exemplary Marlborough sauvignon, limes and lemons, clean and vibrant, zesty and penetrating, with a very long citrusy aftertaste."*

**90 POINTS** – Catherine Fallis MS, Planet Grape USA, Apr 2017

*"Ripe and crisp with notes of peach, mango, cantaloupe with black pepper, and thyme and rosemary."*

**GOLD** – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2016, Oct 2016

**5 STARS & 93 POINTS** – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, Apr 2017

*"Classically expressed and intensely flavoured, it is beautifully fragrant on the nose showing passionfruit, nectarine, crunch apple and lime zest characters. The palate is juicy and concentrated, and displays excellent varietal purity and fine texture, wonderfully structured by bright acidity. A highly enjoyable sauvignon."*



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## ACCOLADES CONTINUED

**88 POINTS** – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate, robertparker.com, Jun 2017

*“The 2016 Jane Hunter Sauvignon Blanc delivers notes of lemon zest, kumquat and quince with suggestions of white peach, sauteed herbs and mown grass. Crisp, clean and wonderfully intense of the medium-bodied palate, it gives plenty of herb and citrus flavors with a long straightforward finish.”*

**4 STARS & 18+/20** – Raymond Chan, raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, Apr 2017

*“Bright, very pale straw colour with slight green hues, near colourless on the rim. The nose is full, up-front and accessible with passionfruit and tropical fruit aromas lifted by ethereal fresh and dark herb notes. The aromatics unveil a thirst-quenching, steely and mineral core with aeration. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the palate is finely concentrated and tightly bound with flavours of passionfruit and tropical fruits entwined with fresh herbs and steely mineral notes. The mouthfeel has plenty of energy and acid brightness, and the wine flows along a smooth line, leading to a dry, chalky, mineral finish. This is a taut and concentrated, refreshingly steely Sauvignon Blanc with intense passionfruit, tropical fruit, herb and mineral flavours.”*

**3.5 STARS** – Bob Campbell MW, bobcampbell.nz, Nov 2016

*“Light, fresh and delicately aromatic sauvignon blanc with pineapple, currant bud, grapefruit and delicate tropical fruit flavours. A simple wine with good purity and peppery texture.”*

**3.5 STARS** – Michael Cooper, Winestate Magazine, Mar/Apr 2017

*“Crisp and dry, this Wairau Valley wine is strongly varietal, with good depth of fresh, ripely herbaceous flavours, lively and tangy.”*

**SILVER** – Royal New Zealand Easter Show Wine Awards 2017, Feb 2017

**SILVER** - International Cool Climate Wine Show 2017

**BRONZE** – New Zealand International Wine Show 2016, Oct 2016

**BRONZE** – Marlborough Wine Show 2016, Oct 2016