



# AUNTSFIELD

NEW ZEALAND

## *Single Vineyard*

### SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

SOUTHERN VALLEYS • MARLBOROUGH

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1873.

Our Single Vineyard wines are made from grapes grown at Auntsfield Estate. Each wine shows the distinctive characteristics of ripeness, texture and minerality - qualities unique to the ancient Greywacke rock and Loess clay soils of the vineyard.

Sauvignon Blanc - Auntsfield Estate aims to produce a distinctive style of Sauvignon Blanc. The style is aimed towards texture, complexity and length, balancing the typical Marlborough fruit spectrum and aromatics with richness and mouth feel.

#### TASTING NOTES

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**COLOUR:** Pale straw

**AROMA:** Lifted and pure aromas of fresh passionfruit, ripe citrus and lime. Notes of dried herbs, lemongrass, papaya and jalapeno add pungency and intensity to the aromatics.

**PALATE:** Powerful, tight and elegant. This wine displays intense ripe fruit flavours of passionfruit juice and white peach, with citrus notes of lime and mandarin pith. The palate has intense concentration and generous weight, balanced by an underlying minerality and tight structure to shape a wine with lively tension and textural balance.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. 13.5% | pH: 3.21 | TA: 7.5

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

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Picked during cool evenings, fermentation at low temperatures with cultured yeast in stainless steel tanks was utilised to retain the fresh varietal aromatics. After fermentation, the wine underwent an extended period of lees contact, adding texture and length to the wine. The result is a hand-crafted wine combining the bright fresh fruit characters with an underlying minerality and fine structure.

#### VITICULTURALIST NOTES

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The 2023 season was amazing! If you could reproduce the weather conditions of this season every year you would. Regular winter rainfall and a cool spring encouraged canopy growth but kept cropping levels at a balanced level. Summer had regular rainfall but stayed relatively cool resulting in healthy vines with no disease or water stress. There was a slow progression into Autumn with a long drawn out ripening period where the fruit reached optimum ripeness in perfect harvest conditions.



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