

Essential NV Brut Cuvée

New Release

Winemaking:

Essential is a stunning fresh, citrus driven sparkling with honeysuckle and elderflower on the nose with a palate of clean crisp acidity and nuances of biscuity cheesecake base. It is our oyster and “champagne” style methode. It has just been listed in Herald Newspaper as one of the top 50 bottles to pop this season. It is predominantly our 2020 vintage.

Dosage: 6g/l **Time on Lees:** 36 months **Bottles Released:** 4,973

Essential was harvested on the first day of NZ Covid lockdown in 2020. As the lockdown was only announced days before, we did not know if we were going to legally be able to harvest it, as the government was still working through their processes. For us we had to continue to plan harvest, as with over 9 tonne of grapes on the vine, it would have been heartbreaking not to have been able to pick it.

Fortunately, the government announce the day prior that the wine industry was declared an essential service. We managed to bring down contractors from Blenheim to work in a “bubble” to hand pick our grapes. We were able to practice social distancing on the vineyard, to oversee the harvest and to get trucked to the winery.

As we soon learnt, not only was the wine industry essential but wine itself was Essential to most of the population during lockdown. Hence the name - Essential.

The name reflects our harvest for that year but also an important part of New Zealand and the world history.

Technical Notes:

Grapes:	85% Chardonnay 5% Pinot Noir	Allergens:	Vegan Friendly Low Sulphite
Residual Sugar:	5.77 g/L	Alcohol:	12.9%

