



# OLD COACH ROAD

*Established 1973*

## NELSON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

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### Awards

Gold & 'Best of Show New Zealand white': Mundus Vini 2018, Germany  
Gold: "SAKURA" Japan Women's Wine Awards 2018, Japan  
Gold: New Zealand International Wine Show 2017, NZ  
Silver: International Wine Challenge 2018, UK  
Silver: New York World Wine & Spirits Competition 2017, USA

### Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater and Rabbit Island Vineyards  
Sugar at Harvest: 20.6° Brix  
Date of Harvest: Late March - April 2017  
pH of Wine: 3.21  
T.A of Wine: 8.3g/L  
Residual Sugar of Wine: 4.20g/L  
Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

*"Fresh and vibrant, this fabulously expressed sauvignon is filled with green rockmelon, feijoa, lime and kiwifruit flavours. It is pristine and lively on the palate, and delivers excellent fruit intensity and vibrancy, brilliantly supported by juicy acidity."*

91 Points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, July 2017

### The Vineyard

Our Brightwater Vineyard is situated 15 kilometres from the coast and is sheltered from the south by the Richmond Ranges. The 'soil' is a combination of rocks and boulders which is very hard on the farm equipment, but vital for holding the warmth of Nelson's sun and for ripening the grapes.

Our Rabbit Island Vineyards are situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly sandy loam which is very sandy and free draining. These vineyards are about 1.5 kilometres from the sea which helps moderate temperatures.

### Winemakers Note

In the vineyard, leaves were removed from around the fruiting zone to allow light penetration and air movement around the ripening bunches. Parcels of fruit were picked when flavours, sugars and grape acids were nicely in balance, giving fruit with intensely varietal flavours and a fresh, lasting acidity.

### Tasting Note

The 2017 Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc is punchy and flavoursome. The nose is packed with tropical notes and grapefruit. The palate entry is clean and crisp with layers of fruit and well balanced freshness from the natural acidity. A long generous finish lingers on.



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