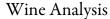


# **OLD COACH ROAD**

Established 1973

## NELSON LIGHTER SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016



Vineyard: Seifried Queen Victoria Vineyard

Sugar at Harvest: 17.6°Brix Date of Harvest: 20 March 2016

pH of Wine: 3.17 T.A of Wine: 7.5g/L

Residual Sugar of Wine: 5.60g/L

Alcohol: 9.5%

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

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### The Vineyard

The majority of the fruit selected for our third vintage of Old Coach Road Lighter\* Sauvignon Blanc is from our relatively new and very promising Queen Victoria vineyard, situated in the heart of Motueka's fruit growing region. Our Queen Victoria vineyard has six-year-old vines on very stony, free draining soils and produces bright, exuberant fruit characters.

#### 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 and grape acids were nicely in balance giving fruit with intensely varietal flavours and a fresh, lasting acidity but at a lower initial natural grape sweetness. Our team closely monitor fruit flavours and ripeness early in the season to move quickly and select sub-blocks of fruit at lower sugar levels, but with a ripe spectrum of flavours. This requires careful thought and monitoring to ensure the Lighter\* Sauvignon Blanc is beautifully balanced, with fruit sweetness and acidity working in harmony.

### Tasting Note

The Old Coach Road Lighter\* Sauvignon Blanc 2016 delivers true varietal characters at lower alcohol. Vibrant citrus and passionfruit notes come through on the nose and palate. The wine has wonderfully balanced acidity giving structure to the flavoursome palate. A generous finish lingers long after the wine is gone, a great wine for summer sipping, or sharing with friends.

\*This Sauvignon Blanc is lighter in alcohol compared to Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc 2016.

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