

CROSSROADS WINERY



Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc Pink 2009

Crossroads Winery is a boutique winery founded in 1990 in Hawke's Bay, located on the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand. Fascinated by the success of Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough, we decided to purchase a winery and vineyard there in 2002. Our vision is to craft wines that convey superb primary fruit character, complexity and are true to the variety, climate and soil.

VITICULTURE / WINEMAKING

New Zealand's favourite white wine takes on a new personality, Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with a bright red berry twist. A dash of the red grape Syrah compliments the pure and intense Savvy fruit in a fleshy, aromatic expression of summer.

By the time we harvested the grapes for our 2009 Sauvignon Blanc Pink Marlborough had enjoyed many long balmy summer days. Without excessive heat the grapes ripened gradually and maintained their lip smacking zesty acidity. Locked in by cooler overnight temperatures this delicate acid intensity helped make this one of our best Sauvignon Blanc vintages to date. Earlier in the growing season our viticultural team decided to shoot thin our Sauvignon Blanc vines. Exposing the bunches to the sunshine and airflow, to ripen evenly and in perfect health, this time consuming exercise gave us terrific fruit at harvest time.

Sourced from estate owned vineyards in both the Wairau and Awatere Valleys the vineyard components were quickly pressed and the juice settled before a long, cool fermentation. After this the wine rested, for six weeks on light yeast lees without stirring, before it was ready to be blended with the Syrah. Along with adding lovely red fruit character the supple Syrah also makes the wine so approachable when young and fresh.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Chilled crisp this unique Rose is bursting with the lively aromas of strawberries and watermelon. The soft red fruit on both the nose and palate beautifully plays off the Sauvignon Blanc's crisp vibrancy giving the wine a long, smooth yet fresh finish. The classic zesty gooseberry and capsicum characters of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc are given new charm in this lovely vintage of Crossroads Pink, our best yet.

A great partner with the produce of summer and in the company of friends. Enjoy outdoors with barbecued meats, panfried fish fillets or tasty finger foods.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2009
Region	Marlborough, NZ
Winemaker	Matthew Mitchell
Clone	Predominantly MS
Harvested	5 weeks between 20 th March & 23 rd April 2009
Oak Treatment	The Sauvignon component was 100% tank fermented and aged, the Syrah component was 100% oak aged for 12 months
Alc/Vol	13.0%
Titrateable Acid	7.0/l
PH	3.31
Residual sugar	4.1g/l
Cellaring	Made to be enjoyed while young and fresh over the next 18 months