



# MELTWATER

## 2023 Organic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

### PLACE

Pacific Ocean to the east

Protective mountains north & south

Regional expression // transparency & texture

Meltwater is our take on modern Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, made without compromise for quality and with complete authenticity; in a style we love to drink. BioGro organic certified.

These wines are named for the glacial meltwaters of the last ice age, which flowed from the high country of Marlborough, depositing sedimentary rock material as they criss-crossed the valleys below.

—Mike & Anna Paterson, Corofin

### SNAP SHOT

Organic, Vegan

Small batch

Natural fermentation

Lees aged in tank

Textural dry style

### 2023 Vintage

The La Niña weather pattern continued from 2022 into the 2023 growing season in Marlborough, with warm and wet easterly patterns dominating. Disease pressure was high due to the warm, humid conditions. Consequently flowering and fruit set were poor and protracted, with fruit set in sauvignon blanc below average and moderating yield through looser bunches.

The lower yield proved to be vital in combating disease as the warmth and humidity carried into January and early February. Unlike the 2022 season (when this weather continued into harvest), in mid-February 2023 the tropical systems weakened in Marlborough and thankfully, a settled and dry late summer and autumn prevailed. Combined with lower yields, these conditions delivered full flavour ripeness with crisp acidity, preserved through the pronounced diurnal shifts of long warm days and cool nights.

### Style

Harvested 7th April 2023. Sauvignon Blanc grapes were gently pressed and the juice allowed to ferment through to dryness with indigenous yeast, in small stainless steel tanks. The wine remained on lees in tank through winter and was racked and allowed to settle with a light filtration, prior to bottling February 2022. Alcohol: 13.0%.

### Taste

Eminently dry and clean. Deliciously crisp citrus and stone fruit flavours are moderated by extended time on lees which lends balance, texture and immense drinkability. A modern take on Marlborough Sauvignon.

