

Barker's Marque Wines



Blind River, Marlborough, New Zealand

Arona 2015 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

TASTING

A lively, citrus nose with unique stone fruit character. Rich and soft on the palate with a mandarin-like ripeness balanced by the bright citrus on the nose. The mid-palate develops into a melee of ripe fruit flavors, including passion fruit and kiwifruit, and extends through to a lifted, fresh finish. A ripe, fruit forward alternative to many of the Grapefruit bombs on offer from Marlborough.

THE VINEYARDS

Lower yields and warm, dry weather led to an early harvest and the very best quality. Cool, wet weather at flowering naturally reduced crops, so we didn't need to manage yields. From mid-December we had a warm and very dry summer. Rainfall from 1st January was just 57% of the 10 year average at Muritai. The lower yields were partly balanced by higher juice levels. The Wairau Valley fruit, from the lower (coastal) area we prefer was of great quality.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Once in the winery the fruit needed very little attention. I blended to achieve a lighter, brighter version of the big passion fruit bombs found everywhere in 2015. The twist of Blind River zing sets Arona apart from standard Wairau Valley fair.

FOOD PAIRING

Arona's fruitier style makes it a great food wine for scallops and seafood as well as lighter chicken dishes, appetizers and salads.

SUSTAINABILITY

Our wines are certified under the Sustainable Wine Growing program (SWNZ) which means that vineyard, winemaking and bottling are certified sustainable. But we try to do more. Our microclimate reduces the incidence of disease. Continuous care and careful soil management help us reduce treatments further. Our mantra of Minimal Intervention drives us to keep our vines healthy and productive with minimal impact on our environment.



Grapes:	88% Sauvignon Blanc 12% Riesling
Appellation:	Marlborough, New Zealand
Harvested:	5 days, 26th March - 4th April
Fermentation:	Stainless steel at 10° C
Residual Sugar:	2.6 g/L
pH:	3.25
TA:	7.9g/L
Alcohol	12.5%
Sugg. Retail	\$12.99