

Barker's Marque Wines



Blind River, Marlborough, New Zealand

Three Brooms 2014

Marlborough
Sauvignon Blanc

TASTING

A genuinely aromatic wine with focussed minerality, balanced by fruit ripeness, intensity and great breadth and texture. Add a delicacy and elegance born of the locality, and the result is a wine full of complexity. A true representative of its vineyard location in Blind River in the Awatere Valley.

THE VINEYARDS

Expectations of a crazy early season were fuelled by the earliest flowering for five years, but 2014's heavier yields delaying ripening. Our total focus on managing yields to maintain quality led to us dropping the equivalent of over 100T of fruit. As a result our fruit ripened and was harvested earlier than most, well before the rain that caused so much grief. The grapes receive the kind of personal vine care you can only get when the winemaker and viticulturist live on the vineyard.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2014 was a very slow fermentation, even by our standards. Extended lees contact, along with French yeast and our version of the old-world practice of battonage lead to enhanced aromatics and added complexity. 2014 is a little finer, more floral, with a nutty character, and typical Blind River slightly smoky minerality.

FOOD PAIRING

Rich enough to match with white meats, tuna or swordfish but equally at home with white fish and seafood.

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:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation:	Blind River, Marlborough, NZ
Harvested:	6th/7th April 2014
Fermentation:	Stainless steel down to 10° C
Barrel aging:	None
Residual Sugar:	4.7g/L
pH:	3.4
TA:	7.6g/L
Alcohol	13%
Suggested Retail	\$15.99