

Stoneleigh Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

True to Stoneleigh's distinctive style, this classic, lively Sauvignon Blanc captures the essence of Marlborough, New Zealand's most acclaimed winemaking region. Crafted from ripe, intensely flavoured grapes this full-bodied Sauvignon Blanc is enjoyable while young and exuberant.

DESCRIPTION

Colour: Pale straw.

Aromas: This wine is a ripe, full-bodied Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc that displays lifted passion fruit and grapefruit aromas, with overlaying mineral notes. The passion fruit and grapefruit characters are indicative of ripe Sauvignon Blanc from the Rapaura soils, and minerality is a fermentation complexity from the stony river bed terrior.

Palate: The palate displays tropical, passion fruit and citrus flavours. These flavours have been emphasised by the winemaker, by controlling skin contact time and matching yeast to best emphasis the wines terrior. The wine has tightness and concentration of flavour that is balanced by natural fresh acidity.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Serve slightly chilled on its own or with delicate white meat and seafood dishes.

CELLARING

This wine is best enjoyed young and exuberant, or could be cellared over the next two years.

Wine:	Stoneleigh Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc
Vintage:	2006
Release Date:	November 2006
Winemaker:	Jamie Marfell
Variety:	Sauvignon Blanc
Region:	Marlborough
Alcohol:	13.5% by volume
pH:	3.3
Total acidity:	7.2 g/L as tartaric
Brix at harvest:	22.0-23°
Harvest notes:	Fruit for this wine was grown in the Rapaura area on the northern side of Marlborough's Wairau Valley, where the stone-covered, free-draining alluvial soils give rise to the lifted passion fruit and mineral aromas found in this wine. Harvest took place mid to late April 2006.
Fermentation notes:	To retain maximum flavour, the grapes were handled as little as possible and the juice underwent a cool, slow fermentation using yeasts which complement and enhance the fruit characters. Following fermentation the wine received a light fining and filtering prior to bottling.
Maturation notes:	This wine was bottled young to capture the fresh, lively characters which are the essence of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.
Other comments:	With its unique combination of infertile and free-draining, stony soils, high annual sunshine hours and a crisp coastal climate, Marlborough has a world-renowned terrior and microclimate. Situated in the heart of this region, Stoneleigh vineyards are covered with smooth 'sun-stones' which reflect heat to speed the ripening process by day, while cool nights maintain intense fruit flavours.