

BEL ECHO

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

ORGANICALLY GROWN IN THE WAIRAU VALLEY OF MARLBOROUGH

“A voluptuous expression from our clay soil with tropical fruits and chalky minerality”.

“A WARM AND DRY SEASON WITH GREAT FLAVOURS, GOOD ACIDITY AND PROMISING AGING POTENTIAL”

WHAT IS BEL ECHO?

Bel Echo, (French for Beautiful Echo) is a terroir selection of our estates less conventional soil type. We consider Bel Echo somewhat adventurous in style, representing the opposite or ‘echo’ of our more traditional Clos Henri wines.

VITICULTURE

Grown predominantly on our 2 clay blocks, this wine has more roundness and richness than Sauvignon on our river stone soils. The heavy clay soil naturally has good water retention and avoids excess vigour. Acting as a sponge, the clay holds excess water when it rains and releases it slowly to the vine when the soil is dry - this assists in a consistent and smooth grape ripening period.

WINEMAKING

The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain fruit elegance and flavour; it is then aged on fine yeast lees for six months with lees stirring. Lees stirring allows us to stabilise the wine naturally, fining the wine only once before a light filtration. Our objective is to reveal expressive aromas of tropical fruits, a chalky minerality and to get a round mouth feel, while keeping natural weight on the palate obtained from the clay.

TECHNICAL

Climate: Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.
Annual sunshine: 2443 hours
Average annual rainfall: 647 mm
Latitude: 41.3° south
Altitude: 85-150 metres above sea level
Soil: Broadbridge & Wither clays
Planting density: High at 4400 vines/ha
Yield: 8t/ha
Clones: 5 & 10/5
Rootstock: 101-14 & 3309
Vine age: 8–13 year old vines
Alcohol: 14%
Residual sugar: <1g/l
Total acidity: 5g/l
pH: 3.12
Ageing potential: 4-5 years from vintage
Wine match: Gurnard, asparagus and white wine risotto.

TASTING

The 2013 vintage of Bel Echo Sauvignon has aromas of wet stone and chalky minerals together with white peach, tangerine and orange blossom. The palate has great presence, with a super smooth, silky and flowing texture. The wine is rounded yet crisp with a long, juicy finish and delicate lime and floral flavours. Juicy, with good structure, the palate shows us hints at the aging potential.



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