

# BEL ECHO

## BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

ORGANICALLY GROWN IN THE WAIRAU VALLEY OF MARLBOROUGH

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

“A VINTAGE OF INCREDIBLE FRUIT DENSITY WHILE RETAINING FRESHNESS AND TENSION, A SIGNATURE FROM A DRY BUT RATHER COOL VINTAGE”



*Winemakers: Damien Yoon  
& The Bourgeois Family*

### WHAT IS BEL ECHO?

Bel Echo, (French for Beautiful Echo) is a terroir selection of our estate's 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: <500 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: MS  
Rootstock: 101-14 & 3309  
Vine age: 9-14 year old vines  
Alcohol: 14%  
Residual sugar: <1g/l  
Total acidity: 6.3g/l  
pH: 3.00  
Ageing potential: 4-5 years from vintage  
Wine match: Gurnard, asparagus and white wine risotto.

### TASTING

The 2015 Bel Echo Sauvignon preserves its chalky minerality so typical expression of our clay soil. This appealing minerality is well surrounded by juicy notes of litchi and white peach. The mouth is rich offering again this generous expression of ripe tropical and stone fruit with a hint of white chocolate which carries the palate on a long and intense finish.

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*Come taste our terroir...*

