



## BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC PRESS

### BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

90 points

Offering a lovely understated, delicate, white blossom perfume over grapefruit and kumquat notes, the 2015 Bel Echo Sauvignon Blanc has a vibrant citrus and dried herb palate with a beautiful creaminess to the texture, a medium body and racy line of acid, which delivers a good long finish – **Lisa Perrotti-Brown, June 2017.**

Bob Campbell MW., NZ

94/100, 4.5 stars

Weighty, textural sauvignon blanc that derives extra concentration and muscle from clay-rich soils. Quite a savoury, rather than overtly fruity style with wet stone, mineral, nut and toasty flavours. Good food wine that promises to develop well in bottle – **June 2017.**

The Globe and Mail, Beppi Crosariol, Feb. 2017, Canada

92 points

Silky and fleshy, this is smartly tuned Marlborough sauvignon blanc from an estate founded by the French family behind the Henri Bourgeois label of Sancerre in the Loire. Ripe peach, mango and grapefruit flavours mix with just a whisper of green pea and grass.”

Wine Orbit, Jan 2017, NZ

5 stars – 93 points

An elegant rendition of the variety, the attractively fragrant bouquet shows white nectarine, green rockmelon, lemon peel and subtle herbaceous characters. The palate is equally appealing, and delivers excellent fruit weight and richness, wonderfully supported by fine texture and bright acidity. A stylish sauvignon offering lovely mouthfeel and persistency.

Raymond Chan, Jan 2017, NZ

4 stars – 17.5/20

Bright, pale straw-yellow colour with slight green hues on the edge. This has a full, even and integrated bouquet with deep aromas of ripe gooseberries, tropical fruits, yellow capsicums, savoury herbs and a suggestion of green bean secondary development. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the palate is rich and harmonious with gently mouthfilling, broad and accessible flavours of ripe gooseberries, tropical fruits and yellow capsicums, along with soft, savoury secondary green bean and asparagus development adding subtle detail. The rich fruit is well-balanced by soft, ripe acidity and the wine flows smoothly along a fine-textured line, leading to a long, sweet, tropical fruited finish. This is a harmonious Sauvignon Blanc with sweetly rich flavours of gooseberries and tropical fruits, capsicums, now beginning to show a little savoury, secondary interest. Match with Mediterranean fare over the next 2 years. MS clone fruit from ‘Broadbridge’ and ‘Wither’ clay

soils, from vines 9-14 y.o., fermented in stainless-steel to 14.0% and <1.0 g/L RS, the wine aged 6 months on lees with batonnage.

Cuisine Magazine, Oct. 2016, NZ

5 stars – Best Buy

After a year in the bottle, this beautifully crafted rendition is just starting to show what it can do. It's complex, with saline freshness, blackcurrant leaf and grapefruit characters coming through with quiet intensity. A settled, elegant, sophisticated sauvignon.

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

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Concours Mondial du Sauvignon 2016, FR  
Silver Medal

Raymond Chan, Jan 2016, NZ

4 stars - 18.0/20

Full, light straw-yellow colour with lemon green hues. The nose is gently full and voluminous with moderately deep aromas of ripe capsicums, passionfruit and tropical fruits melded harmoniously with florals and herbs. This grows in breadth and intensity with aeration. Dry to taste and medium-full bodied, the palate features open and mouthfilling flavours of red capsicums, tropical fruits and passionfruit with an exotic floral lift. Nuances of bean-like secondary development are also present, and the fruit forms a soft core with subtle phenolic textures and integrated acidity. The wine carries easily to a soft, full, lingering finish of passionfruit and capsicums. This is a soft, full, ripe Sauvignon Blanc with passionfruit and capsicum flavours and a positive core, just beginning to show some development. Serve with Mediterranean cuisine over the next 2 years.

Michael Cooper Buyer's Guide 2016, NZ

4.5 stars

This well-priced wine is grown in the more clay-based soils at Clos Henri (the top wine, sold as 'Clos Henri', is from the stoniest blocks). The 2014 vintage (4.5\*) was hand-picked, tank-fermented and matured on its yeast lees for six months. Bright, light lemon/green, it is

attractively scented, mouthfilling and fleshy, with good intensity of ripe tropical-fruit flavours, a mineral streak, and a long, rounded, bone-dry finish.

Bob Campbell MW., NZ

91/100, 4 stars

'Quite a green Sauvignon Blanc with mineral, grapefruit, gooseberry and green capsicum flavours plus some brioche/nutty characters from lees contact. Bone-dry, good food wine.'

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

90 points

The 2014 Bel Echo Sauvignon Blanc shows just a tad closed (only bottled 3 weeks before tasting) offering up suggestions of yuzu zest, gooseberries and chopped herbs plus a hint of crushed stones. Light to medium-bodied, very elegant and a little restrained, the palate is quite a mineral with a stony character that leads to a long, chalky finish. – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Dec 2014

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

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JamesSuckling.com, 2014, USA

93 points

Grown on heavier clay soils, this has a distinctive chalky edge, it sees no oak and was stirred considerably in 2013 during its 6 months in stainless steel. Smells of citrus, gently tropical notes, a touch of bread and honey - the guava and melon-flavored palate has smooth and rich texture that chisels in neatly through the finish. Nicely crafted response to terroir here. Drink now.

Michael Cooper

Buyer's Guide 2015, NZ

4.5 stars

This well-priced wine is grown in the more clay-based soils at Clos Henri (the top wine, sold as 'Clos Henri', is from the stoniest blocks). The 2013 vintage was hand-picked, tank-fermented and matured on its yeast lees for six months. Bright light lemon/green, it is ripely scented, weighty and sweet-fruited, with concentrated

tropical-fruit flavours, very generous and well-rounded. It's delicious now. Certified organic

Concours Mondial du Sauvignon Blanc 2014, FR  
Gold Medal

Raymond Chan, Nov 2013, NZ

4 stars (18/20)

'Bright, even, very pale straw-yellow colour with green hues. This has a full, soft, aromatic nose with subtle passionfruit notes that build in volume, revealing flinty, mineral, reductive interest and complexities. The fruit grows in piquancy and freshness with fresh herb elements. Dry to taste and medium-full bodied, softly expressed flavours of passionfruit, white stonefruits and citrus meld with mineral and flinty elements. The mouthfeel is harmoniously textured and soft in acidity, with the flavours flowing smoothly, underlined by freshness and energy. The acidity emerges adding to the fruit juiciness and leads to a dry, lingering finish. This is a soft-textured, harmonious-flowing Sauvignon Blanc with juicy, complex, passionfruit and flinty flavours. Match with Mediterranean-inspired fare over the next 2+ years. Fruit from 80% Broadbridge clay and 20% Greywacke riverbed soils, fermented in stainless-steel to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 6 months on lees with batonnage. Certified BioGro organic.'

Gourmet Traveller Wine, AUS

95 points

An appealing aromatic sauvignon blanc with mineral, grapefruit, apple and a savoury, nutty influence. The wine has a solid core of sweet fruit but has a pleasantly drying finish. Impeccably balanced wine with great length.

Bob Campbell MW., NZ

95/100, 5 stars

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Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ

93 points

'A stylish rendition, this French-inspired sauvignon combines Marlborough's fruit vibrancy with Loire's refinement and complexity. The elegantly fragrant bouquet shows white nectarine, ripe citrus, feijoa and a hint of herbaceous aromas. It's concentrated and textured on the palate with superb mid palate weight, beautifully framed by integrated acidity. The wine shows excellent focus and mouthfeel.'

- **Sam Kim**

Taste Magazine, Feb 2014, NZ

Top 100

Buyer's Guide to NZ Wine 2014, NZ

4 ½ stars

'This wine is grown in the more clay-based soils at Clos Henri (the top wine, sold as 'Clos Henri', is from the stoniest blocks). The 2012 vintage. Was hand-picked, tank-fermented and matured on its yeast lees for six months. A fleshy, ripe and rounded wine, with mouthfilling body and deep, distinctly tropical-fruit flavours, it is bone-dry and very harmonious, with a powerful presence. A top vintage, it's delicious now.'

- **Michael Cooper**

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012

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Bob Campbell MW., NZ

95/100, 5 stars

'Moderately intense, aromatic Sauvignon Blanc with green capsicum, mineral, grapefruit and gooseberry flavours. Good weight and body with a lingering finish. Sophisticated Sauvignon with an attractive nutty complexity.'

The Vancouver Sun, June 2014, CAN

The wine is typically pale in color, a trademark of cool climate Sauvignon Blanc made in stainless steel tanks. The nose is intense and expressive, with piercing aromas of gooseberry, grapefruit and citrus. On the palate the wine is dry but fruity, with crisp and refreshing acidity. There is a beautiful delicacy and vibrancy to the light-bodied style, with zest and mineral flavors.

Winestate Magazine, AUS

Michael Cooper's Best of 2013 releases

4.5 stars

Winestate Magazine, AUS

Light straw-yellow colour and fleshy, ripe fruit aromas of white peach, mandarin and hint of grapefruit combine with delicate floral notes and a chalky minerality. The palate is beautifully defined by great length, mouth-watering citrus, mineral characters and a dry finish.

Gourmet Traveller Wine, AUS

95 points

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Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ

93 points

'From their clay-soil vineyard (as opposed to Clos Henri Sauvignon Blanc's stony soils), this delightful sauvignon displays white peach, mandarin, fresh herbs and floral characters. The palate is concentrated and succulent with excellent mid palate weight and texture, leading to a fabulous, juicy finish'. – **Sam Kim**

Winestate Magazine, AUS

'Top 5' 4 ½ stars

'Fleshy, ripe and rounded wine, grown in clay rather than stony soils, with mouthfilling body and deep, distinctly tropical fruit flavours. Dry

and very harmonious, with a powerful presence. A top vintage, very enjoyable now'.

– **Michael Cooper**

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2011

Bob Campbell MW, NZ

95 points

'The mid-priced wine of Clos Henri's three Sauvignon labels. Full-flavoured wine with strong gooseberry, mineral and nutty yeast lees characters. Attractive and moderately complex.'

Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine,

Feb/Mar 2013, AUS

'Top 12' 95 points

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Buyer's Guide to NZ Wines 2013, NZ

4 stars

'This wine is grown in the more clay-based soils at Clos Henri (the top wine, sold as 'Clos Henri', is from the stoniest blocks). The 2011 vintage (4\*) was hand-picked, tank-fermented and matured on its yeast lees. A powerful, sweet-fruited, ripe-tasting wine with excellent body and depth of tropical-fruit flavours, dry and well-rounded, it has great drinkability'.

– **Michael Cooper**

Raymond Chan, NZ

4 stars

'This has an attractively lifted and aromatic nose of white florals, gooseberry fruit and cut grass, quite fine and intricate with its elegance. Dry and elegant in proportion, delicate exotic floral notes intermingle with gooseberries and tropical fruits. Excellent acid liveliness and tension provides a raciness through the palate, leading to a fine, sustained finish with floral esters and herbs. This is an elegant and lively Sauvignon Blanc with detail'.

Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ

93 points

“From their high-density, clay soil vineyard (80% Broadbridge clay, 20% Greywacke riverbed), this is a beautifully expressive Sauvignon compare to the Clos Henri label. The bouquet is pristine and fragrant with grapefruit, apple and herbaceous characters with a hint of linty notes. It is fine, taut and racy on the palate with lovely mid palate weight, leading to a fabulously long, mouth-watering finish. At this best: now to 2015” - **Sam Kim**

Metro Magazine, June 2012, NZ

‘Clos Henri’s second wine is textured, and layered with ripe honeysuckle, melon and flinty overtones, and a pithy, creamy, relatively dry finish. Impressive’.

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010

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Buyer’s Guide to NZ Wines 2012, NZ

4 stars

The 2010 vintage was hand-picked, tank-fermented and matured on its yeast lees for eight months. The best yet, it is weighty and freshy, with sweet-fruit delights and strong, ripely herbaceous flavours, slightly minerally and well-rounded’.

– **Michael Cooper**

Bob Campbell MW, NZ

92 points

‘Slightly more concentrated wine than the entry level Petit Clos with impressive purity and tangy freshness. The flavours suggest Gooseberry, mineral, lemon grass and green capsicum. It has the same deliciously accessible fruity acidity that I find so charming on Petit Clos.’.

Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, USA

90 points

‘The 2010 Bel Echo Sauvignon Blanc displays aromas of fresh lemon juice and lime zest over wet pebbles, white pepper and lemongrass. Medium bodied and relatively understated though with plenty of zest / citrusy flavors in the

mouth, it has crisp acidity and a long minerally finish. Drinking now, it should remain good to 2014’.

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009

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Bob Campbell MW, NZ

94 points, 4.5 stars

‘Rich and quite concentrated Sauvignon Blanc in a riper style with passion fruit, stone fruit and gunflint characters plus a suggestion of yeast lees and subtle spicy oak. A complex and characterful wine.’

Fashion Quarterly Magazine, NZ

‘A gentle Marlborough sav that doesn’t assault your nasal passages. Complex and deliciously textured it displays elderflower and wet stone flavours’. - **Rebecca Gibb**

Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, USA

90 points

‘A beautiful nose of jasmine, passion fruit, warm pineapple, pear juice and peach blossom with just a whiff of fresh herbs. Crisp, concentrated and medium bodied, it finishes long and zesty with a pinch of minerals’.

Viva, The NZ Herald, NZ

‘A complex and textual Sauvignon Blanc. Notes of bergamot and passionfruit are counterpoised by a steely grapefruit edge’. - **Jo Burzynska**

Raymond Chan, NZ

17.5/20

‘Brilliant pale straw-yellow in colour with green hues, this has a full and deeply solid bouquet showing a range of aromas from fresh and brackish nettles, savoury pea, asparagus and bean developmental notes, passionfruit and earth. The palate is full, rich and dry, the alcohol is noticeable, but is well balanced with the weight and rounded textures. The wine has a harmony

of its components, and finishes with good fresh acidity. Drink with country-style cuisine'.

BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008

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Bob Campbell MW., NZ

95/100, 5 stars

'Rich, creamy Sauvignon Blanc with gooseberry, mineral, capsicum and bread yeast lees flavours. Quite complex wine with a great texture and lingering, linear finish. One of the best of the vintage.' – **March 2009**

