



BEL ECHO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2011 BY CLOS HENRI

WHAT IS BEL ECHO?

This wine is a terroir selection of our estate. The main difference between Bel Echo and Clos Henri is the Terroir. Bel Echo Sauvignon Blanc shows the voluptuous expression of the clay soil whereas the Clos Henri is more of an elegant and mineral expression of the Greywacke stones. The fruit of Clos Henri and Bel Echo are handled the same way from the vineyard to the winery, through to the blend. All our blocks are harvested and kept separately until the blend.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"We believe we have to make the most of the experience acquired by the Bourgeois family, thereby making a Sauvignon Blanc that respects the French winemaking tradition. We also believe that we ought to make a wine that respects the Marlborough character. This wine shows great classical lines while enriched with astonishing Marlborough fruit personality. This personality is sourced from the Clos Henri terroir and revealed through its fine aromatic intensity". Damien Yvon, Winemaker

VITICULTURE

Terroir : 80% Broadbridge Clay, 20% Greywacke riverbed

High Density Planting: 4400-6000 vines/Ha

Yield : 7.2t/Ha (54 HI/Ha)

The heavy clay soil naturally permits good water regulation and avoids excess vigour – acting as a sponge, the clay holds excess water when it rains and liberates 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 lees for six months. 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 slight minerality and to get a round mouth feel, while keeping natural weight on the palate obtained from the clay.

TASTING

The 2011 Bel Echo is ripe and generous with notes of melon and pear on the nose. This wine is all about the palate, being rich, smooth round and giving. It is a complex Sauvignon Blanc with layers of peach and apricot great texture and a lengthy mouth feel. Aging potential 3-4 years.



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