

# 2010 TERRAVIN SAUVIGNON BLANC

## INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1999, TerraVin is a boutique Marlborough winery with a dedicated focus on growing and making exceptional hillside Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. Terra being Latin for Earth, the name reflects a deep emphasis on terroir.

Under the guidance of pioneering viticulturist Mike Eaton, TerraVin draws fruit from three densely planted sites stretching across the revered Southern Valleys of Marlborough. These hillside vineyards are afforded their true expression through low yields, gentle handling and winemaker Gordon Ritchie's intuitive approach.

## FRUIT SOURCE & VITICULTURE

### **Cowley Vineyard, Ben Morven, Southern Valleys**

Planted in 1999. Soils layered with gravel and seams of clay.

2200 to 2400 plants per Hectare. Guyot pruning with vertical shoot position canopy management. Hand pruning, leaf plucking, shoot thinning and crop thinning are practiced in all our vineyards.

## TASTING NOTE

This Sauvignon Blanc is showing a clear and star-bright colour. The nose is floral, with some honey and fruit aromas combined with some mineral and stony notes. The palate is ample and textured, with a very bright acidity balancing the richness of the fruit, and a long citrusy and mineral length.

Drink now to 2014. (August 2012)



## VINTAGE

A low yielding vintage due to a cooler flowering period. A long summer with intermittent rainfall set the vineyard up for a fabulous vintage; a long cool autumn leaving lovely pH and crisp acidity.

Hand harvested into 10kg bins  
Harvested between 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Brix 22.5° – 24.0°  
8 tons per hectare  
100% Sauvignon Blanc

14.0% alcohol by volume | TA: 7.0 g/L | pH: 3.3 g/L

## WINEMAKING

After gentle pressing, the free run juice was settled and cooled. The majority of the wine went through cool fermentation with cultured yeasts over a 20 day period in stainless steel tanks. The remaining 8% of the wine was wild-fermented and aged in seasoned French barrels for 8 months to add complexity and mid-palate richness. Bottled 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

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