2010 TERRAVIN TE AHU

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.

'Te Ahu' is a Maori term that describes a new pathway, a new generation or beginning. With this wine we are charting a different path for the Sauvignon Blanc made in Marlborough. This is a wine made to reflect terroir, a statement of place rather than variety.

FRUIT SOURCE

Cowley Vineyard, Ben Morven, Southern Valleys
Planted in 1999. Soils layered with gravel and seams of clay.

100% Sauvignon Blanc
14.0% alcohol by volume
TA: 6.9 g/L
pH: 1.8 g/L

VINE DENSITY & CANOPY MANAGEMENT

2222 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 Te Ahu is showing a star-bright pale yellow colour. The subtle and complex nose is dominated by a very nice 'savouriness', some notes of ripe apricot, candied citrus, coffee beans and almonds. It is dry with a crisp acidity. Full bodied with a great texture, round and smooth. A racy acidity giving a nice backbone, it has a long and aromatic length.
Drink now to 2017. Will be at peak in 2013/4.
(August 2012)

VINTAGE

A low yielding vintage due to a cooler flowering period, followed by a long summer with intermittent rainfall, set us up for a beautiful vintage. A long cool autumn leaving lovely pH and crisp acidity.

Hand harvested into 10kg bins
Harvested on 20th April
Brix 24.9°
6 tons per hectare

WINEMAKING

Whole bunch pressed and wild fermented over a six months period in French oak puncheons, a further 5 months was spent in barrel.
Barrels; 500L French oak puncheons
Coopers; Damy and Tonnellerie de Mercurey
Bottled 11th March 2011

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