

MAIN DIVIDE

by the Donaldson Family



SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

Main Divide is the local name for the Southern Alps and is the backbone of the South Island, where grapes for Main Divide are exclusively sourced. Vineyards have been selected for their quality and ability to express unique regional flavours.

The Season

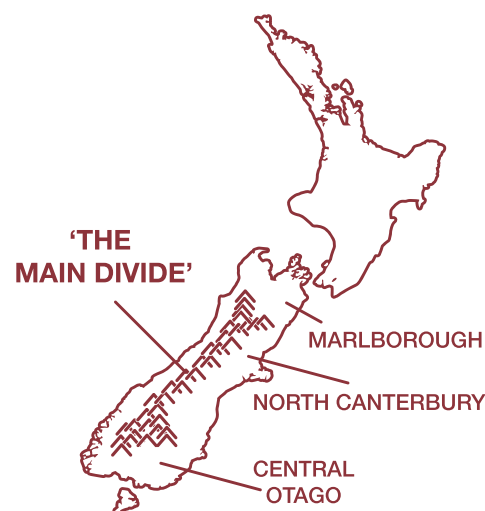
Settled weather over flowering provided a healthy fruit set, which was then thinned back to desired levels. The ensuing summer was dry with very little rain, resulting in perfectly ripened small berries full of intense flavour and concentration. Thankfully, our harvest was able to proceed during the C-19 lockdown, and an unbroken autumn full of warm days meant each variety was picked at its optimum maturity.

The Harvest and winemaking

The grapes were picked in separate batches during late March from our own vineyards, the aim being to produce a spectrum of ripe yet zesty aromas and flavours in the finished wine. Due to the very hot summer, we were able to harvest earlier than usual, allowing the berries to retain good levels of natural acidity. The fruit was also cropped at a low level (approx. 7 tonnes per hectare) to add further concentration. After gentle pressing of the berries, the free run juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to help the wine express its varietal purity, with the wine being bottled shortly after.

The Wine

The wine is pale lemon in colour. Heady tropical aromas of passionfruit, pineapple and guava leap out of the glass, along with hints of grapefruit, gooseberry, lemongrass, and elderflower. The palate has a pleasing richness, balanced with fresh zesty minerality that ensures the wine remains elegant yet focussed, with a satisfying, crisp finish.



HARVEST DATE	AV BRIX AT HARVEST	ALCOHOL CONTENT	R.S	T.A.	AGING POTENTIAL
22nd March 2020	21 - 22	12.5%	dry	6.1 g/l	Drink now