

GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd



2011 GREYWACKE SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Kevin Judd
REGION: Marlborough, New Zealand
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ALCOHOL: 13.6% alc/vol | pH 3.08 | TA 7.2 g/l

VITICULTURE:

Fruit was sourced from various vineyard sites in and around the Brancott Valley and the central Wairau Plains, specifically in Woodbourne, Renwick and Rapaura. Soil types vary from the young alluvial soils of Rapaura and Renwick, which contain high proportions of greywacke river stones, to the older and denser clay-loams of the Southern Valleys. The majority of the vineyards are trained using the divided Scott Henry canopy management system, with the balance on two- or three-cane VSP (vertical shoot positioning).

WINEMAKING:

Sauvignon Blanc was harvested at night into half-ton bins. The grapes were pressed relatively lightly and the resulting juice was cold-settled prior to fermentation. The majority of the juice was fermented cool in stainless steel tanks using cultured yeast. A portion was filled into old French oak barriques where it was allowed to undergo spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation. All individual lots were left on lees and kept separate until final blending.

TASTING NOTES:

Imagine a refreshing sorbet-like medley of fresh lychee, grapefruit and honeydew melon laced with flinty minerality and finished with an infusion of mandarin and lime zest. A lively, invigorating wine with persistent grapefruit flavours and a steely blackcurrant tang – crisp but succulent with a long enduring finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts - Top 100 Wine Spectator, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT GREYWACKE:

One of Marlborough's pioneering winemakers, Kevin Judd's career is intrinsically linked with Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Established in 2009, Judd's label Greywacke (pronounced "gray-wacky") is the fulfillment of a long-held dream. Named after New Zealand's prolific bedrock, Greywacke was originally adopted by Kevin and his wife Kimberley as the name for their first Marlborough vineyard in Rapaura, whose soils have an abundance of these river stones. Greywacke sources fruit from mature vineyards within Marlborough's central Wairau Plains and the Southern Valleys. Also an established professional photographer, Judd's home in the Otago Valley overlooking Marlborough's picturesque vineyards provides inspiration for both his passions.



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