

# GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd



## 2011 GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON

**WINEMAKER:** Kevin Judd  
**REGION:** Marlborough, New Zealand  
**VARIETALS:** Sauvignon Blanc  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 6.8 g/L | pH: 3.15

### 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:

The grapes were lightly pressed and the resulting juice was cold-settled prior to racking into mostly older French oak barriques. The juice was allowed to undergo spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation, the tail end of which continued for over six months. The wine had occasional lees stirring and approximately half of the barrels underwent malo-lactic fermentation. It was transferred out of oak during the following harvest and left on yeast lees for a further five months.

### TASTING NOTES:

Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast – this is an alternative style of sauvignon blanc that is both intricate and textural. A succulent combination of yellow peach and brown pears, rolled into rich, short pastry with a sprinkling of a caramelized almonds. The palate is full of lemon curd and vanilla custard with a touch of dried herbs and a lingering grapefruit finish.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92+ pts eRobertParker.com, 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 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 Omaka Valley overlooking Marlborough's picturesque vineyards provides inspiration for both his passions.



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