

2016 INNOCENT BYSTANDER MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC

Review Summary



91 pts “A delectable sauvignon, it is elegantly fragrant on the nose showing white stone fruit, feijoa, lime zest and basil characters. The palate delivers excellent focus and mid palate weight, wonderfully supported by fine texture and bright acidity, leading to a lingering crisp finish.”

Sam Kim, WineOrbit.co.nz
November 2016

90 pts/100 BEST BUYS OF THE YEAR “Round and supple, this sauvignon has intensity and richness to its flavors, pumped up by toasted-lees notes, even as fruit holds to the crispness of green apple skin. The apple and lees notes merge in a clean, juicy, vinous wine with tight length of flavor.”

Joshua Greene, *Wine & Spirits Magazine*
Winter 2017

87 pts “The pear, lime and grapefruit notes are fresh and crisp, with accents of matcha green tea on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*
May 2017

17/20 pts “Bright, very pale straw color, very light edged. The nose is softly packed and deep with an aromatic amalgam of ripe, pungent passionfruit with green stonefruits, capsicums, dark savory herbs, unfolding pungent sulphide and lees elements. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, this has a tightly bound and softly concentrated core of pungent passion, green stonefruits, dark herbs and green capsicums. The fruit is complexed by flinty sulphide and reductive layers. The mid-palate reveals subtly rich and sweet fruit balanced by fine textures and a delicate, lacy acid line. The wine carries to a thirst-quenching, firm finish with light passionfruit and herb notes. This Sauvignon Blanc has a concentrated core of passionfruit with pungent sulphide, herb and capsicum flavors, soft textures and a fresh acid line.”

Raymond Chan, RaymondChanWineReviews.co.nz
November 16, 2016