



2016 GREYWACKE WILD SAUVIGNON

Review Summary

GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd

95 pts “Greywacke (pronounced ‘Greywacky’) is the Marlborough label of Kevin Judd, one of the region’s pioneer winemakers after having directed the first 25 vintages at Cloudy Bay as their founding winemaker. Judd established Greywacke in 2009, named after the greywacke river stones found in the vineyards of much of the Wairau Valley, from which his fruit is sourced. This wine is made via a spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation in mostly old French oak barrels, with occasional lees stirring. It was transferred out of oak just prior to the following harvest and then left on the lees for a further six months.”

James Button
Decanter.com – “Top single-varietal wines to try”
August 12, 2019

95 pts “A highly floral expression on the nose, exuding talc and rose petals, with a more delicate expression on the palate, remaining fine and focused throughout. Very pretty indeed.”

Rebecca Gibb MW
Decanter
July 2019

95 pts “A bright, zesty nose welcomes an elegant, seamless palate with restrained fruit, while at the same time offering complex notes of wet stone and guava. Gentle, yet tastes expensive.”

Roger Jones
Decanter
July 2019

95 pts/★★★★★ “A richer and more textural wine than the regular sauvignon blanc label, with an artful influence of struck flint reductive character adding extra interest and complexity. It’s easy to see how this stylish wine can attract a cult following.”

Bob Campbell MW
TheRealReview.com
May 22, 2019



94 pts/TOP 100 WINES OF NEW ZEALAND 2018 – #44 “This has all the complexity seen in great white wines with plenty of savory influence. Grilled nuts adorn biscuity and flinty lemon and grapefruit pith. The palate has punchy dried-peach and lemon flavors, as well as an appealing, very succulent and carefully layered texture.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
December 19, 2018

94 pts “Lifted and concentrated with impressive depth, showing a delightful balance between grassy varietal purity and subtle oaky complexity. Really well done.”

Philip Tuck MW
Decanter
July 2019

93 pts “Just gorgeous, this is vibrant, fragrant and generous, with honeysuckle, Key lime, lemongrass and fresh ginger notes that mingle with grapefruit and pear flavors. Impressive for the intensity, showing a smooth body, refreshing acidity and long, lingering finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
October 15, 2018

91 pts “Kevin Judd’s 2016 Wild Sauvignon features toasty accents to its layers of ripe nectarine and pineapple. It’s medium-bodied, reasonably rich and textured on the palate, then it weakens a bit on the finish. Stronger vintages can age up to a decade or more, but I’d suggest drinking this by 2023.”

Joe Czerwinski
The Wine Advocate
March 2019

90 pts “Ex-Cloudy Bay winemaker Kevin Judd’s wines are never shy and never boring. This wine is an opulent Sauvignon, quite the opposite of the Marlborough style most are familiar with. Wild fermented in oak barrels, it’s a heady combo of lemon, toast, salted cashew and wild herb. The full-bodied palate is highly textural but not heavy thanks to a good lick of acidity. Herbs, lemon rind and toasty oak ripple right through the finish.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
May 2019