

International Wine Cellar Best of New Zealand

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Kevin Judd continues to impress the international wine press with his intricate and vibrant line up of Marlborough Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blancs and Pinots.

91 pts Greywacke Wild Sauvignon Marlborough 2012

Distinctly wild aromas of gooseberry, fresh herbs, spices, mustard seed and horseradish.

Concentrated, dense and bracing, with a serious sappiness to its peach and spice flavors.

Finishes broad, dense, spicy and dry, with terrific subtle persistence. This distinctly idiosyncratic Sauvignon Blanc is long on personality.

91 pts Greywacke Chardonnay Marlborough 2012

Pale, bright yellow. Wild, meaty aromas of white peach, lemon and musky fresh herbs suggest an Old World Chardonnay. Then tactile and generous in the mouth, with soft citrus, fresh herb, mineral and smoke flavors conveying serious energy and a strong impression of dry extract. Lovely subtle, persistent finish shows excellent cut and finesse.

90 pts Greywacke Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013

Pale yellow-green. Complex nose offers scents of pineapple, citrus peel, spices and white pepper. Sweet, rich and intense, with enticing, ripe, dusty flavors of pineapple and grapefruit. A seamless, beautifully balanced fruit bomb with real palate presence and little in the way of greenness. Really expands in the mouth.

89 pts Greywacke Pinot Noir Marlborough 2012

Bright medium red. Musky aromas of blackberry, strawberry, spices and flinty minerals. Dense, chewy and concentrated but a bit youthfully aggressive, with a serious tannic spine giving the finish a slight dry edge. This will need time in bottle to burn off some of its baby fat and absorb its dusty tannins. But there's very good material here.