

2011 GREYWACKE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Review Summary

GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd

94 pts “Sauvignon Blanc is the iconic New Zealand white wine with its pungent tropical flavors and grassy back notes. The Greywacke Sauvignon is faithful to the style, yet more moderated, showing a brilliant pale gold color and deep-set lemongrass and grapefruit zest aromatics and a subtle grassy note. Most of the wine was tank fermented then blended with a small portion that was indigenous yeast fermented in small French oak. This technique imparted a textural element without any up-front oakiness. Clearly defined grapefruit flavors are supported by brisk mouth-watering acidity and the wine finishes dry with 13.6% alcohol. With this wine, Kevin Judd shows that Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc need not be in your face.”

Gerald D. Boyd, WineReviewOnline.com
March 13, 2012

92 pts “The wine is a very light, pale, straw color. The crisp and clean nose has grapefruit, minerals, lime, lemon zest, white pepper, gooseberry, and a touch of an herbal note. This has a light body with tart citrusy acidity. On the palate tart grapefruit and white pepper lead off with lime and lemon kicking in on the back end. The finish is long and mouthwatering with minerals and an herbal note joining the citrus and white pepper. A stunning wine for a warm afternoon with or without food.”

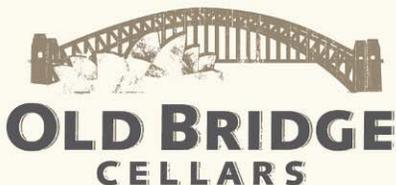
Cliff Brown, Snooth.com
April 2014

92 pts – Top 100 Wines of 2012 “This intriguing white delivers a complex aromatic note that includes whiffs of petrol, oolong tea, mineral and lanolin, giving way to an equally complex flavor profile. Crunchy green apple, Meyer lemon and melon flavors are refreshing, balanced, and persistent on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator
June 15, 2012

92 pts “It’s pretty clear that winemaker Kevin Judd pays close attention to the texture in his wines. Indeed it has a lot going for it...flint and gravel, passionfruit and (subtle) rosewater. Green melon too. Oomph and texture without it being too in-your-face.”

Campbell Mattinson, WineFront.com.au
2011



91 pts “Floral, grapefruit rind, melon, spicy, pear, light jalapeno, waxy, lemon aromas. Fresh, juicy, round, slightly sweet entry, good acidity. A delicious style.”

Anthony Gismondi, GismondiOnWine.com
May 2013

91 pts “Pale, bright yellow. Highly aromatic nose combines grapefruit rind, underripe pineapple, white pepper, fresh herbs and stony minerality. Rich, pliant and fairly full, but with a juicy sappy quality to the orange blossom and spice flavors. In a rather forward style but bright framing acidity gives it definition and thrust. Finishes with excellent length. Greywacke is the new project of Sauvignon Blanc guru Kevin Judd, who put Cloudy Bay on the map during his 25 years as winemaker there.”

Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar
September 12, 2012

91 pts “At \$20 a bottle, it made quite an impression on the tasters who tried it. It opens with a fragrant ripe pink grapefruit bouquet. On the palate, it is light-to-medium-bodied, crisp and shows pleasant acidity. The group talked a lot about how much they liked its ripe lime and grapefruit flavors with pleasant notes of minerality throughout. They suggested trying this refreshing, Sauvignon Blanc with broiled crab stuffed halibut. Finding it might be tricky, as only 1,500 cases were imported. It might require a special order via your favorite wine shop.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
July 17, 2012

#8 Wine of 2012; 91 pts “Clear light straw color. New Zealand is world-renowned for its pungent, complex, fruit-driven Sauvignon Blancs, and this one has it in spades. Tiers of white grapefruit, honeydew, sharp lime and green lychee are accented by a steely streak of gunflint minerality. Medium-full in the mouth, the wine has a lively sweet-tart juiciness that persists at the finish, urging one more gulp... or, sip.”

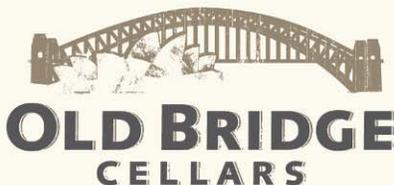
WineLinesOnline.com
May 20, 2012

90 pts “Soft, weighty and accessible Sauvignon Blanc with hints of leaf, nutty yeast lees, mineral and bright tree fruit flavours. Exquisitely balanced with a lengthy finish.”

Bob Campbell, BobsWineReviews.com
May 2013

90 pts “Lots of lemon rind and subtle papaya aromas. Full to medium body with layers of fruit and a long finish.”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com
December 28, 2012



90 pts “Kevin Judd’s new label displays a vibrant pungency to its leafy aromas, then opens up on the palate to add gooseberry and grapefruit notes. It’s refreshingly medium bodied, with a slightly creamy texture and a long finish filled with pink grapefruit.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
August 2012

89 pts “Greywacke’s 2011 Sauvignon Blanc reveals lemon pastille, lime leaf and grapefruit notes with hints of passion fruit and peach blossoms. Light to medium-bodied, it is very elegant with good intensity of fruit, vibrant acidity and a long, chalky finish. Drink it now through 2014.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
October 2012

★★★★★ “Aromatic, sweet-fruited and layered, in a subtle, very satisfying style, delicious from the start.”

Michael Cooper, Buyer’s Guide to NZ Wines 2013

★★★★★ “...quietly complex with well-pitched barrel influence acting as a savoury backdrop to white peach, herb, lime and nutty elements that combine perfectly in a tangy package.”

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age
May 2013

Recommended “Light and lean, with aromas and flavors of oranges and grapefruit.”

Fred Tasker, Bradenton Herald
November 15, 2012

Bottle to Try “Cut grass, a touch of green pepper and juicy passion fruit notes make Greywacke a New Zealand classic, even though this is only its third vintage.”

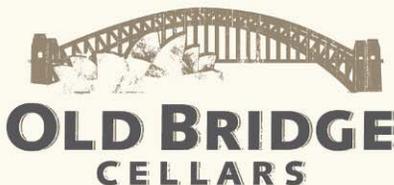
Food and Wine Magazine
August 2012

“...plays the minerality card in spades, so to speak, and has a great long aftertaste. One of the most exciting Marlborough Sauvignons to have come my way.”

Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com
May 2013

“Has the singular skill of transporting you back to 20 years ago when you first tasted top flight Marlborough Sauvignon – the shock to the senses and momentum on the palate is gripping and although the landscape has changed, this wine proves that quality will always out.”

Matthew Jukes, Money Week
May 2013



“This truly delicious 2011 is Kevin Judd’s best Greywacke vintage yet. Judd manages to bring an almost European elegance to his wine...Tuck into this glorious, fragrant, floral, zesty, herb-laden 2011: its racy gooseberry fruit is a joy.”

Jane MacQuitty, The Times
May 2013

‘The flavour was penetrating, with (and I agree with Judd) a sorbet-like medley of lychees and grapefruit laced with flinty minerality.’

Michael Broadbent, Decanter
May 2013

“The 2011 Greywacke Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand is a complex, mouthwatering white, with aromas of grapefruit, honeydew melon, lychee, mandarin orange and lime zest. This highly aromatic white has a flinty minerality, with balanced, persistent flavors of green apple, Meyer lemon, and grapefruit, with a long defined finish.”

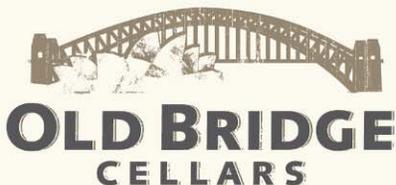
Patricia Decker, Examiner.com
December 28, 2012

“From Kevin Judd, former winemaker for Cloudy Bay, here is the answer to the ubiquitous CB. There is no reason to carry any other NZ upscale SB. This wine is completely and utterly delicious; balanced, succulent, and lush across the palate. Perhaps the finest example of the style to date. No green peas, no pungent aromas, zero confectionary notes. Just pure, lush Sauvignon. Seek this out.”

Brian Mitchell, VintageVino.net
October 25, 2012

“This wine is excellent and that excellence is attributed largely to the skills of the winemaker. It probably does not hurt that this fruit is grown in a location that produces some of the best Sauvignon Blanc made anywhere in the world. Winemaker Kevin Judd spent the last twenty-five years making wine over at Cloudy Bay, the winery that put New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc on the world map for most wine buyers. Kevin’s finely tuned skills show profusely in his current efforts with Greywacke. If you are expecting a cool refreshing citrusy and mineral glass of goodness you are going to get that and a whole lot more. The aromas are grapefruit zest, tropical fruit blossom and exotic dried tea leaf. The first sip delivers a crispness only duplicated by crunching into a fresh, perfect Granny Smith apple revving up the taste receptors for the onslaught of sweet honeydew melon. Bring on the raw bar and line up the shellfish.”

Marc Hinton, enobytes.com
July 24, 2012



“Very pale straw color; grapefruit, melon, thyme and celery seed, hints of lychee and tarragon, back-notes of tangerine; really attractive balance between vibrant acidity and a supple texture (a touch of old French oak is involved); flavors of roasted lemon, lime peel and celery, calls in some spice; sleek finish imbued with limestone and grapefruit. Excellent.”

Fredric Koepfel, BiggerThanYourHead.net
June 10, 2012

“One whiff of this wine and you know instantly the variety you're dealing with, as aromas of gooseberry and lime jump out of the glass. Medium-full, this is very rich on the palate and has zippy acidity and plenty of spice in the finish. If you've never had a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, here is a classic example of a steel-aged version with all its power and complexity.”

Tom Hyland, THylandViews.blogspot.com
April 11, 2012

“Superb new vintage from Kevin Judd. Tinglingly fresh, juicy elderflower, herb and lemon flavors with a mouthwatering saline, mineral character and a fine chalky texture. Great length and presence.”

Joanna Simon, JoannaSimononFoodAndWine.com
December 18, 2011

“Infused with stones? This certainly plays the minerality card in spades, so to speak, and has a great long aftertaste. One of the most exciting Marlborough Sauvignons to have come my way. Lightness of touch. Minimal sweetness. The year was described by the laconic Kevin Judd (ex Cloudy Bay winemaker) as 'a very orderly and rewarding harvest.' Bit of elderflower blossom into the bargain. Yes, I think I probably would pay the money for this jewel that is ready to gobble already. Long and sinewy.”

Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com – ‘65+ Great Whites’
December 10, 2011

“Greywacke is currently NZ’s most sought after, cult Sauvignon Blanc, and it lives up to its hype. It has the singular skill of transporting you back to twenty years ago when you will have first tasted top flight Marlborough Sauvignon – the shock to the senses and momentum on the palate is gripping and although the landscape has changed, this wine proves that quality will always out.”

Matthew Jukes, Money Week
December 9, 2011

“Surely 2011 is the year Greywacke Sauvignon really got into its stride? Can't remember a Marlboro SB impressing me more.”

@Jancis Robinson – TWITTER
November 2011