

2021 GREYWACKE SAUVIGNON BLANC

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Kevin Judd



WINEMAKER: Kevin Judd
REGION: Marlborough, New Zealand
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.8 g/L | pH: 3.16

VITICULTURE: Fruit was sourced from various prime vineyard sites in Marlborough's Southern Valleys, the central Wairau Plains and a spectacular river terrace site in the upper Awatere Valley. Soil types vary from the young alluvial soils of Rapaura, Renwick and the upper Awatere, which contain high proportions of New Zealand's ubiquitous greywacke river stones, to the older and denser clay-loams of the Southern Valleys. The majority of the vineyards were trained using the Scott Henry canopy management system, with the balance on a two- or three-cane VSP (vertical shoot positioning) trellis.

WINEMAKING: The Sauvignon Blanc was harvested at night into half-ton bins. The grapes were lightly pressed and the resulting juice was cold-settled prior to fermentation in stainless steel, primarily using cultured yeast for cool, slow fermentation. A portion was allowed to undergo spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation. All individual lots were left on lees and kept separate until final blending.

TASTING NOTES: A delightful fusion of ripe summer fruit and delicate floral perfume – Golden Queen peaches and poached yellow pears; baked apples, mango and rock melon; mingled with apple blossom fragrance and a twist of lemon sherbet. Succulent and crisp, with a delicate fennel-like herbal quality and a dry, textural palate. Quintessentially Marlborough, but a deliciously subtle, ripe interpretation of the classic style.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: #13/Top 100 Wines of 2022, 94 pts Wine Spectator, 93 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts Vinous

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.

