

V A V A S O U R

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Good things grow in unyielding places. Places like the Awatere Valley. For all its raw beauty, it is home to unforgiving soils, cool winds and some of the driest conditions in the country. But we have been here from the start. We know intimately how these very elements conspire to produce remarkable wines, like our Papa Sauvignon Blanc.

Named for the compacted blue-grey mudstone that holds tight to the roots of our mature vines, Papa Sauvignon Blanc has a palate pleasing, crystalline minerality. Made from small parcels, Papa's alluring energy and knife edged purity speak to its Awatere origins. It could only be from this most singular place.

## REGION

The Awatere Valley is a dramatic southern pocket of Marlborough, pushed up out of the ocean by seismic activity, and carved out by ancient glaciers. Stonier, drier, cooler and windier than Marlborough's main Wairau Valley, the Awatere Valley's terroir conspires to produce distinctive, complex and intriguing wines.

## WINE MAKING

These old rows are planted east to west which gives us staggered ripening and a variety of character from within the vineyard. After hand harvesting our grapes, we used native and natural yeast from the vineyard. Fermentation took place over 8 months in seasoned French Oak Barriques for 22% of this wine adding weight to the palate.

## TASTE NOTE

Our Papa Sauvignon Blanc 2020 has a complex and poised bouquet of blackcurrant, elderflower and dried herbs. Layers of citrus peel on the concentrated palate alongside tropical fruit flavours. The wine is pulled through with a long finish and a salivating saline minerality.

### REGION

Awatere Valley, Marlborough,  
New Zealand

### WINEMAKER

Stu Marfell

### VINEYARD

Vavasour Home Block Vineyard  
- original plantings from 1986

### CLOSURE

Screwcap

### COMPOSITION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### COOPERAGE

Old French Oak

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### pH

3.11

### TA

7.4 g/L

### BOTTLING DATE

January 2021

### RS

2.00

### CELLARING

1-10 years