

# Mt. Beautiful

NORTH CANTERBURY NZ



## Flavor Profile

Our Sauvignon Blanc pushes the boundaries of the typical New Zealand flavor profile. By highlighting decadent tropical flavors, toning down the grassiness and bringing a creamy mid-palate all the way through to a crisp finish with bright minerality, we have set a new precedence for New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.

## Winemaker Notes

2012 was definitely a challenging season! A very cool spring led to a cool summer and an exceptionally late harvest. However, the nerve-racking experience was followed up by the saving grace of fantastic autumn weather. This aligned with low yields meant we harvested good clean fruit with sufficient balance and ripeness. The different vineyard blocks of fruit for the 2012 Sauvignon Blanc were fermented separately at cool temperatures to retain the maximum aroma, fruitiness, and individuality. After fermentation, the wine was racked and kept on light lees for several months before blending.

## The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Sauvignon Blanc with shellfish, chicken dishes, and especially a good attitude.

## For The Aficionado

Planted 2004-2006  
9 Blocks  
38.0 hectares  
84464 vines  
@2.4x 1.5 metres

The majority of the Sauvignon Blanc is planted on the most northern part of the vineyard which is cooler and more suited to this variety. All of our Sauvignon Blanc is hand-thinned and machine harvested before it is pressed into juice on site.

The planted clones are a mix of University of California Davis (UCD) 1 and Mass selection (MS) on a mix of 101-14, 3309 and Schwarzmann rootstock, with a quarter of the vines Bordeaux clones BDX 316 and BDX 317, on Riparia Gloire rootstock. The Bordeaux clones tend to give a definite lift to Sauvignon Blanc flavours, with less cut grass and more tropical flavours providing a more artisan style, balanced, elegant wine which compliments a range of foods.

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## Appellation

North Canterbury

## Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 13%  
TA 7.6 g/L  
RS <2 g/L  
pH 3.36

## Bottled

December 2012

## Production

2000 Cases

