

ASTROLABE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Marlborough, New Zealand

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5 stars, New Zealand: Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide (2021)

"Plush, fleshy, fruity and varietal with aromas of tropical fruits and fresh herbs, an abundance of wet stone mineral scents and white blossom. On the palate – equally fleshy and fruity, crisp, refreshing and just dry on the finish. Flavours of lemon and passionfruit, apple and fresh herb. High acidity – almost sweet to the taste, plenty of mineral and floral layers. Just dry on the finish. A lovely example, balanced and well made."

94 points, Bob Campbell, Master of Wine (2021)

"Concentrated, luscious Sauvignon Blanc, with juicy passionfruit, guava and pink grapefruit flavours supported by tangy acidity that gives a refreshingly crisp finish. A skilfully-made wine with an impeccable sweet-and-sour balance."

Vineyards - Grown in the vineyards of the Lissaman, Rose, Jones, Hammond, Wilson, van Asch, Halliday and Trolove families. Awatere Valley (49%), Kekerengu Coast (21%), Southern Valleys (21%) and Wairau Valley (9%), Marlborough, New Zealand. Free-draining stony, silty Ioam, with some vineyards having clay or limestone content.

Winemaking - The fruit was machine harvested in cool evening conditions, destemmed and lightly pressed with minimal skin contact. Clear, cold-settled juice was fermented in stainless steel vats at low temperatures, using neutral wine yeast strains to allow the powerful fruit flavours to dominate.

Tasting Notes - Powerful gooseberry, white currant, passionfruit and lime peel aromas. Medium-bodied, with strong flavours of makrut lime, passionfruit, lemongrass and a refreshingly smooth, dry and persistent finish.

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