

Julicher Te Muna Road Sauvignon Blanc 2018

The Story

Julicher Estate was born in 1996, when Wim Julicher fell in love with the secret valley of Martinborough, Te Muna. Carved thousands of years ago, by the Huangarua river of Martinborough, Te Muna valley is notable for its deep, mineral-rich, alluvial gravels. These soils aligned with the warm days, cool nights and low rainfall of the region, result in the outstanding Pinot Noir wines that Martinborough is valued for. Planting vines and an olive grove on 50 acres of bare farmland, Wim sought to realise a dream. Meaning "to seek the ideal" and having created a truly idyllic spot, it was fitting that the name the Estate itself, would be Julicher.

The Vineyard

Julicher Estate is located in the south-east corner of the North Island region of Wairarapa. Situated in the Te Muna valley, five kilometres from the Martinborough Township, the vineyard is part of a region that is internationally accredited for producing New Zealand's most outstanding Pinot Noir. Approximately one hour's drive from the capital city of Wellington, the area is known for low rainfall, warm days and cool nights. Conditions perfectly balance to produce New Zealand Pinot Noir wines of exceptional elegance, structure and savoury complexity.

Winemaking

This wine is made from sustainably-grown Sauvignon Blanc grapes, hand harvested from our estate vineyard in Te Muna Road, Martinborough. The grapes were whole-bunch pressed with only short skin contact. The juice was then fermented at cooler temperatures in both stainless steel tanks to preserve the freshness and varietal character of Sauvignon Blanc, and French oak barriques to provide complexity and mid palate weight. The wines were prevented from going through the secondary Malolactic Fermentation to preserve the purity of the acid. The wine was left unfined and sterile filtered before bottling.

Tasting Note

Lifted fragrant aromas of lime blossom, mango, passionfruit, and fresh tropical fruits, overlaid with the riper overtone of green nettle. Purity is key with this wine, chalky acid drives through the palate. The mid palate is rich, providing a balance all the way through to the slightly textured finish. This adds to the length of the wine.



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Alcohol Percentage	13 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	6.4 g/L
Aging Potential	7 + years







