



Reviews

Peter Gordon

“I LOVE the packaging and concept - very cool.”

Sam Kim

This is the first release by an innovative wine company using crown top seal for bottle's closure. Grapes were grown on their hillside vineyard at the base of Tuki Tuki Hill near Te Awanga. The nose is striking and ripe displaying passionfruit, mango, lime zest and subtle herbaceous notes. The palate is luscious yet crisp dry with a lovely fruity mouthfeel and a lingering juicy finish. For those who find the pungent Marlborough Sauvignon too over-the-top, try this beauty. It's well fruited, smooth and just so delicious.

Joanna Simon

The wine is the first release of an intriguing and delicious New Zealand sauvignon blanc from organic vines planted on calcareous soils in Hawkes Bay in 2003 and 2004. It's very aromatic with a varietal grassy note but with exotic notes of spice, passionfruit, smoke, honey and honeysuckle too. The palate is full and ripe, but structured, with a Graves-like smokiness and fresh finish. 13.7% abv. A propos of nothing, I reckon the winemaker Gabrielle Simmers has the wine world's longest legs.

Jamie Goode

Taut, citrus and quite mineral with honeysuckle and lime notes, as well as gentle herbiness. There's some structure on the palate: this is nicely dense with herb and citrus notes. Powerful flavours. The debut Sauvignon Blanc is not your in-ner-face Marlborough style. It is quite unique, made in a food friendly style.

Joelle Thomson

Gabrielle Simmers has just made her sauvignon blanc from a Hawke's Bay hillside, where the climate is more temperate than hotter Bay areas. 'She breaks interesting new ground for Hawke's Bay's cool climate wines with this lovely white... and Simmers has only just begun. She boldly goes where few have before – using a crown seal to eliminate cork taint possibilities. Bravo. That's just the closure I need.

Charmian Smith

Another producer doing something different is &Co, from Hawkes Bay, which uses a crown cap on its clear bottle. The wine hints of sweet apricots, stonefruit and honey - not a typical New Zealand sauvignon.

Jo Burzyska

Crowning glory - this weighty Sauvignon with rich tropical papaya fruit juxtaposed with zesty grapefruit and mineral is from new Hawke's Bay estate, &Co who've added an extra twist in stoppering it with a crown cap.