

# SPY VALLEY SATELLITE SAUVIGNON BLANC



100% Sauvignon Blanc. Straw color. Bright, sweet aromas of lemon, lime and snow pea. Crisp and refreshing, with lively acidity complementing flavors of lemongrass and tropical fruit. With a modern, fully integrated winemaking facility and a passion for excellence, Spy Valley consistently produces globally acclaimed award-winning wines.

The grapes are grown in soil that is made up of complex and well-drained stony loams. After picking and pressing, the grapes from individual parcels were fermented separately. Following selection of the components, the wine is blended and bottled.

Spy Valley's vineyards are located on mostly young alluvial river terraces with veins of stone and shingle overlaid with a thin veneer of topsoil. Older terraces have a higher clay content and deeper topsoils overlaying free-draining river gravel and stone. Lesser areas consist of steep hillside slopes containing a thick layer of wind-blown clay soil. The valley sees less than 43 inches of rain annually, and 8 inches of rain through the October-May growing season. Spring carries the risk of frost, and summers are hot with peaks in January and February of more than 86°F.

Owned and operated by the Johnson Family, Spy Valley Wines is one of Marlborough's few remaining 100% Kiwi family-owned wine companies. Located up the road from a U.S. government listening post (the "spy" base), Spy Valley is known around the world as one of New Zealand's most acclaimed producers. The Johnson Family established the first of their 380 acres of estate vineyards in 1993.

Pioneering what was then a Marlborough sub-region, the Johnsons' Lower Waihopai development continued, with the fruit being grown and sold to other wine companies. In 2000, the first vintage under the Spy Valley label was released. Like most Marlborough wineries, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc are Spy Valley specialties, and chief winemaker/aromatic fanatic Paul Bourgeois and his team have set a benchmark for New Zealand whites.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*

