

SPY VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

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The vineyards are made up of shallow and stony soils with overlying sandy loam. Deep river silts. After picking and gently pressing, the grapes from each vineyard block are separately fermented, with a portion occurring naturally in barrels before blending and bottling.

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. A small area of steep hillside slopes contains 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, but chief winemaker and aromatic fanatic Paul Bourgeois and his team have set a new benchmark for New Zealand aromatic whites.



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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:



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