



# AOTEA

by the Seifried family

## NELSON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

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### Awards

Gold: Mundus Vini 2017, Germany  
Top 100/Blue-Gold: Sydney International Wine Competition 2017, Australia  
Silver: Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2017 & 2018, NZ  
Silver: International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016, UK  
Silver: NZ International Wine Show 2016  
91 Points 'Highly Recommended': Decanter Magazine, August 2017, UK  
4 Stars: Cuisine Magazine 2016

### Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater Vineyard  
Sugar at Harvest: 21.9°Brix  
Date of Harvest: 31 March 2016  
pH of Wine: 3.16  
T.A of Wine: 7.0g/L  
Residual Sugar: 3.86g/L  
Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

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### The Vineyard

The Brightwater Sauvignon Blanc vines are grown in an extremely stony area of the vineyard where water and nutrient levels are low. This helps us to restrict the plants vigour and to crop at low levels. To further enhance the aromatics we removed leaves to allow light penetration and air movement around the fruiting zone. Our Brightwater vineyard is situated 15km from the coast and is sheltered from the south by the Richmond ranges. The 'soil' is a combination of rocks and boulders, which is very hard on the farm equipment, but vital for holding the warmth of Nelson's sun and for ripening.

### Winemakers Note

Aromatic and fresh Sauvignon Blanc flavours were encouraged prior to vintage through careful canopy management. The fruit was de-stemmed and pressed immediately after harvest and a cool fermentation was initiated in stainless steel tanks to retain the clean, fresh aromatic fruit characters.

### Tasting Note

The 2016 Aotea Sauvignon Blanc has a powerful varietal nose. Ripe fruit elements with grapefruit and tropical melon are bright and flavoursome alongside crisp nettle and hints of blackcurrant. Well balanced natural acidity runs the length of the wine and supports the layers of flavours on the palate.

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