Wairau River Reserve Albarino 2025



Region

Marlborough is by far New Zealand's largest grape growing region with more than two-thirds of all plantings. First planted in 1873 it is known in the region by the Maori name, Kei puta te Wairau meaning 'the place with the hole in the cloud' due to its very high 2,410 sunshine hours a year. High sunshine and a dry growing season help to create the famous intense flavours. Generally, plantings are in two main valleys of Wairau and Awatere. Much of the land is alluvial river basin with well-drained soils that provide an ideal for Sauvignon Blanc and clay slopes better suited Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

Producer

Wairau River wines take their name from the river that runs through the heart of the Marlborough wine region. (Wairau is Maori for `many waters`). The Rose family were pioneers in planting vines in the 1970`s and after originally selling the grapes to other wineries (like Cloudy Bay) they launched their own label in the early 1990`s. Today their foresight has created a very successful company which remains family owned and run. Wairau River is one of the largest independent wine estates in Marlborough, and the range of elegant wines is characteristically expressive of its Marlborough roots.

Tasting Notes

The grapes are sourced exclusively from their Angler vineyard on the banks of the Wairau River with selected bunches hand harvested to ensure the best quality. This is an elegant, floral Albarino with citrus blossom aromas and notes of green apple, grapefruit and white peach. The palate has a vibrant and refreshing character with some weight from some time on light lees and finishes with a fine mineral acidity.

Food

Perfect when accompanied with pan fried seabass, spanish dishes such as paella, pork belly, and spicy Asian cuisine.

Technical Information

Country	New Zealand
Region	Marlborough
Grape(s)	Albarino (100%)
Type	White
Style	Crisp
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	12.5%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:**	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:**	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes

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