



## BUTTERWORTH

### Butterworth Te Muna Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2020

**Terroir:** The soils of Te Muna Terraces are free-draining alluvial gravel, which are rich in minerals making it ideal for growing grapes. The climate is an extension of Martinborough and similar to Burgundy, being only slightly cooler due to higher altitude, but with long cool summers and low rainfall providing the optimum long ripening conditions for grapes.

**Viticulture:** This wine is sourced from Butterworth Estate's Julicher Te Muna Vineyard, six kilometres from the Martinborough township. The vines are tended by hand and are sustainably grown on two cane Vertical Shoot Positioning trellis system. Due to frost pressure and very free draining soils, the vines are naturally low cropping, which leads to naturally high-quality fruit.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were harvested from our home block, pressed to a settling tank, before being racked to French Oak barrel. Once dry, the wine was sulphured and left on Gross Lees for twelve months without stirring for mouthfeel and to preserve purity. The wine was transferred lees and all to a tank at the end of the twelve months for another four months of contact. The wine received no fining, and only a light filtration before bottling.

**Colour:** Bright light golden hue.

**Aroma:** Grapefruit pith, tropical fruit salad and freshly crushed sage and basil jump from the glass. An undertone of cracked vanilla bean adds a hint of oaky complexity.

**Palate:** Twelve months on Gross Lees has given an oiliness to the palate that is beautifully juxtaposed with the racy acid line from the ripe Sauvignon Blanc fruit. The wine exhibits that New World flavour grunt, with Old world styling and balance. Textural with fabulous length, this wine begs to be enjoyed amongst great company with divine seafood delights.

#### Harvest Analysis

Harvest date 5th April, 2020

Brix 22.0                      pH 3.05                      TA 8.90 g/L

#### Wine analysis:

Alc. 13.0 %                      pH 3.10                      TA 7.30 g/L

Residual sugar                      <1 g/L

**Oak Maturation:** 100% in older French Oak barrels.

**Bottling date:** 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Allergens:** Contains Sulphites. Vegan & vegetarian friendly.





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