



White Wine  
Grüner Veltliner  
Sustainable  
Dry  
750ml



## Blank Canvas Gruner Veltliner Marlborough 2013

Marlborough, New Zealand

94 points - Real Reviews

91 points - Tim Atkin

17 points - Jancis Robinson

\$29.95 per bottle (\$359.40 per case)

12 bottles per case

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### Aromatic & Spicy

Blank Canvas is the personal wine range of husband and wife team, Matt Thomson and Sophie Parker-Thomson, MW. With a focus on Marlborough, Syrah from Hawkes Bay and Pinot Noir from Central Otago, the Blank Canvas wines are exciting, small-batch and increasingly recognised as the avant-garde of New Zealand wine.

A wine of wonderful, pure aromatics this Gruner exemplifies classic notes of mandarin and ripe peach with an underlying trace of white pepper. The oak featuring in the wine is only obvious if you are told about it - it is there to provide richness and weight to the mid-palate, which is why Blank Canvas chose large French oak puncheons to do the job. A model vintage in Marlborough provided warm sunny days and

cool nights which enabled all-important retention of acidity and ripeness of fruit. The result is a well-structured, luscious rendition of an Austrian classic.

With its citrus and hints of white pepper, this wine is a beautiful dish with ceviche, any grilled white fish or chicken infused with orange or paired with an orange and almond salad.

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## About the Winery

### Blank Canvas

Blank Canvas is the personal wine range of husband and wife team, Matt Thomson and Sophie Parker-Thomson.



Having completed over fifty back-to-back vintages in both New Zealand and Europe as an award-winning winemaking consultant, Matt together with Sophie felt it was time to create and build a wine brand together, with their first vintage in 2013. Blank Canvas embodies their own expression of art-meets-science with single-vineyard, small batch wines that push the sensory boundaries and challenge winemaking orthodoxy.

Winemaker Matt Thomson's science background defines the parameters of his winemaking canvas, allowing creativity to flow within those bounds. Together with business partner, Master of Wine student and wife Sophie Parker-Thomson, Matt is striving to achieve the unique winemaking fusion between art and science, pushing the boundaries to capture a unique expression.

Sophie recently obtained her Master of Wine title, joining 149 women MWs globally with the total number of MWs in the world now 418 in 32 countries.

## Press Reviews

### Real Reviews

**94 points - Bob Campbell MW, Real Reviews**

Silken-textured wine with orange zest and white pepper flavours plus some tree fruit and nectarine flavours. Subtle, pleasing wine." 4.5 stars. Bob Campbell MW, Real Reviews.



Grüner Veltliner is rare enough in New Zealand, but one with six years of bottle age is unique. But what a brilliant wine this is. Part of Matt Thomson and Sophie Parker-Thomson's off-the-wall series of small volume Kiwi whites and reds, this wouldn't look out of place in a line up of top Austrian examples of the grape. Partially barrel fermented in larger French oak barrels, it's bright, focused and remarkably youthful, with notes of bay leaf and white pepper, crunchy minerality and pear and citrus fruit. Drinking window: 2019-22. Tim Atkin MW, Wine of the Week (11/10/19).



## Jancis Robinson

**17 points - Julia Harding, MW**

Now this really does have Grüner Veltliner written all over it even though the vines are still pretty young (this is the fourth harvest). It is certainly peppery but it also has the oily (in a good way) depth that I have only ever seen in the Wachau. There's some citrus and green fruit too but also a mineral, dry texture. I do just slightly feel the residual sugar on the finish and would prefer it bone dry, even it that made it slightly more severe. But it is well balanced and remarkably full bodied given the moderate alcohol. Still incredibly fresh but starting to show the complexity of some bottle age. I look forward to tasting it again. Julia Harding MW, JancisRobinson.com

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