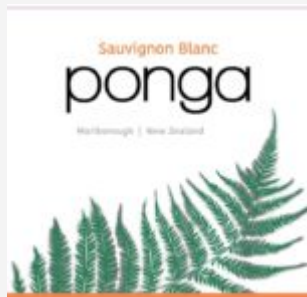


Ponga Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand 2022

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2022

GRAPE Sauvignon Blanc/Blend

GEOGRAPHY Not Europe

COUNTRY New Zealand

LARGER REGION South Island

SMALLER REGION Marlborough

Rationale

Although it seems like it has been around forever, Sauvignon Blanc was first introduced to New Zealand's Marlborough region only in 1973. Located in the north of NZ's South Island, Marlborough is a special spot-cool and dry with over 2,300 sunshine hours per year and a long moderate growing season. It is also uniquely shielded from storms on all sides. It possesses a series of different subzones, most notably those of the southern Wairau's Brancott and Fairhall subzones (producing unmistakable cooler style wines with classic olive, gooseberry, green/bell pepper and other capsicum flavors) while the Northern Areas (including Kaituna & Rapaura and located along the Wairau River and Rapaura Road) are generally home to riper, more tropical, rich citrus, and high tone stone fruit, nuanced styles.

Over the years, some new spots have been developed, including the Awatere Valley (Maori for Fast Stream). Cooler and located south over Wither Hills and with more rolling hills than the plains of Wairau, this is an exciting zone worth following.

"Ponga" is the name the indigenous Maori of New Zealand gave to the Silver Fern – a plant found only in New Zealand. Established in 1990 in Marlborough, New Zealand, Ponga is owned by the Scott Family Group. Josh, whose father Allan is an NZ winemaking pioneer, is the winemaker, while Sara and Victoria Scott are the viticulturist and marketing manager, respectively.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Star Bright

CLARITY Clear

COLOR DEPTH Light

COLOR Straw

HIGHLIGHTS Green

BUBBLES No

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

ACID Med+

ALCOHOL Medium

PHENOLS None

TEXTURE Lean / Tart

FINISH Med+

COMPLEXITY Med+

Aroma & Taste

CITRUS FRUIT Yuzu • Key Lime • Lemon • Grapefruit (Pink) • Grapefruit (W/Y) *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*
Part: Flesh, Peel / Zest

TREE/VINE FRUIT Pear (Green) • Apple (Green) • Gooseberry • Quince *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh*

STONE FRUIT Plum (Green/Yellow) *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh*

TROPICAL FRUIT Mango • Melon (Green) • Starfruit • Tamarind • Passion Fruit
Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh

FLORAL Elderflower • Lemon / Lime Blossom *Condition: Fresh*

GREEN VEGETABLE Grass / Alfalfa • Olive (Green) • Caper • Celery / Root • Green Peppers

HERBAL Lemon Grass • Basil • Cilantro • Sorrel • Parsley

INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock • Chalk / Limestone

ANIMAL Cat Pee

OAK AGING No