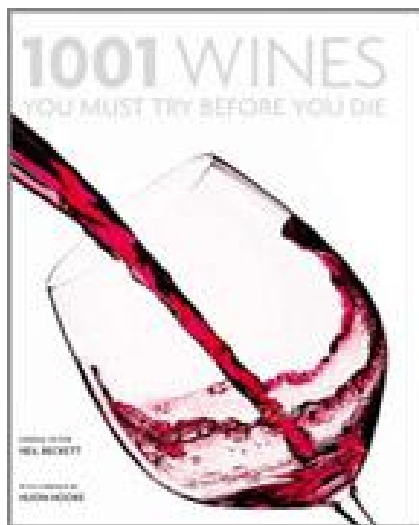


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## Isabel Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2006

Isabel Estate Vineyard was established in 1982 by Michael Tiller, then an airline pilot with Air New Zealand, and his wife Robyn. Prior to the 1994 vintage, Isabel Estate operated successfully as a contract grape-growing vineyard, supplying some of Marlborough's leading wine producers, including Cloudy Bay, with much sought-after premium fruit. But the high quality of the grapes encouraged the Tillers to produce and market their own wine. At its best, Isabel Estate is arguably the finest Sauvignon Blanc made in New Zealand, and is the only wine to seriously challenge Cloudy Bay's preeminence.



About 10 percent of the blend is barrel-fermented and some use is made of malolactic fermentation and indigenous yeasts. There is certainly the classic Marlborough flavour of capsicum here, but this is overlaid by rounded, rich fruit that lingers in a long and detailed finish. This Marlborough Sauvignon is very dry compared to some other examples. Isabel is a classy, elegant wine that has the ability to age well for several years but, like most Marlborough Sauvignons, it is best drunk young and fresh.

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