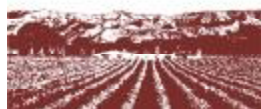


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Accolades

Sauvignon Blanc 2007

92++ Points "...the flavours are exquisitely withdrawing. It's the most accomplished, niggardly Kiwi savvyB I've drank. Drunk."

Philip White, The Independent Weekly, Australia, June 27th 2008

"Clean, nicely rounded and quite mouth-filling for Marlborough sauvignon blanc. A definitive style remaining, yet with the extra mouth-interest from Isabel's special site. Nicely ready, very food-friendly and with wide appeal."

Peter Saunders, F&B Magazine, NZ, April 2008



"Is all citrus, gooseberry and apple, well balanced with fresh acidity, and a good, mineral finish."

Graeme Barrow, Northern Advocate, NZ, 26th April 2008

"Not as assertive as some Marlborough sauvignons, this is fragrant with hints of tinned peas, ripe sweet, textural fruit that fills the mouth, and a long aftertaste."

Charmian Smith, Otago Daily Times, NZ, 9th April 2008

Sauvignon Blanc 2006

Honoured as one of 24 New Zealand wines to be included in **Neil Beckett's '1001 Wines You Must Try Before You Die'**. This guide was a collective effort by 44 of today's most respected wine writers and MW's and recommends a range of wines from new discoveries to outstanding benchmarks.

5 Stars "...Isabel's version of New Zealand's most famous wine is different, dry and complex with herby fruit, honeyed and mineral notes coupled to nutty complexity. The smooth palate has lovely depth and persistence, finishing lingering and fine."

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age Epicure, Melbourne, 20th March 2007



"One of the best Marlborough sauvignon blanc's in the book this year; fresh, intense in taste but soft in mouthfeel and too drinkable. Very good wine."

Joëlle Thomsom, NZ, The Indispensable Wine Guide 2008



"Marlborough's stony, clay soil and sunny climate makes it ideal for sauvignon. This gorgeous, tropical fruit and nettle-spiked 2006 takes on the French at their own game."

Jane MacQuitty, The Times, UK, 25th May 2007

92 Points "...sweet tropical fruit tempered by a slatey, dry finish, the fragrance of it rich with pink and white flowers. This is savvy with a rich softness to it and not too much tartness, which will please many. Even I, a notorious SB basher, could happily slug on this.

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, Australia, January 2007

Noble Sauvage 2006

"Lovely apricot, honeysuckle and honey botrytis aromas and flavours, light, fresh and good texture. Very good wine."

Graeme Barrow, Wine Advocate, NZ, Aug 08

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Pinot Gris 2007

"A fine, tight, and pleasingly dry wine with good mineral, pear and pineapple flavours. This is an excellent food wine with good acidity and a bone-dry finish. Offers value at the price."

Bob Campbell, www.bobswinereviews.com, September 2008

"Fruit gloss on impact delivers a lush character, refined by a steely nature. Mid palate feels sweet with fruit, nicely suave but always with that hint of steel in its bones. Quince fruit flavour persists right through, trailing off with a dry, flavour smeared trail at the very end. Classy."

Keith Stewart, *Truewines*, NZ, March 2008

"Thoroughly decent, clean and straight forward, a dry pinot gris with fleshiness. Almost subtle fruit tones, rounded off very well after a year. A style ready to be enjoyed over the next 18 months especially beside delicate food dishes where this pinot gris will underline such courses excellently."

Peter Saunders, *F&B Magazine*, April 2008

"Has mild pear and spice aromas and flavours, is soft, forward, and virtually dry. It's balanced, agreeable drinking."

Graeme Barrow, *Northern Advocate*, NZ, 26th April 2008

The Northern
Advocate

"Very pale pink, medium-bodied style, grown in the Isabel Estate vineyards. Lots of peachy, spicy flavour, with a sliver of sweetness and fresh acidity."

Michael Cooper, *Winestate Magazine*, Australia, May/June 2008

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Australia's National Wine Magazine

Dry Riesling 2006

"This is dry, but what intense, wow, crowd-pleasing flavours it contains. And it has enormous appeal to newcomers to Riesling with its zesty lime zing and tangy, lingering finish."

Joëlle Thomsom, NZ, *The Indispensable Wine Guide* 2008

Anthony Gismondi selected the '06 as one of his 'Top 10 to try' international Rieslings.

Avenue Magazine, Calgary, June 2008

"There's a hint of Europe in the rich oily, nutty, marzipan-like and orange zest aroma and the oiliness carries through to the richly textured palate... the oily texture and the citrus acidity gives the wine a zingy intrigue. It smells sweeter on the nose than it tastes, it is incredibly dry but has a mouth filling richness nevertheless. I like this wine. It's interesting and it grows on me because it is so intriguing."

Sue Courtney, NZ, www.wineoftheweek.co.nz, April 2007

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Wine, food, books, news and reviews with the magazine on 21st October

"Slightly honeyed, mouthfilling wine with some complexity in a dry style with good balance and depth. Toasty and minerally."

Winestate, Australia, 2007

"Label says dry and indeed it is! A concentrated Marlborough Riesling, great with a fillet of fish or some tapas before dinner; a concentrated food-friendly wine with lots of determination – and a long life ahead."

Peter Saunders, *F&B Magazine*, NZ, April 2007

"... fragrant wine with lovely floral flavours and sustained aftertaste."

Keith Stewart, *Truewines*, NZ, March 2007



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Chardonnay 2006

4 ½ Stars “Youthful in colour, it is fresh and fragrant, minerally and slightly creamy, with mouthfilling body, generous, ripe-fruit flavours and a finely textured, lingering finish. Delicious drinking now onwards.”

Michael Cooper, Winestate Magazine, Australia, September/October 2008

“Strong serious wine from a special Marlborough site; just a light element of oak which is great, and plenty of food-friendly flavours. A resolute wine, tight, young and yet user friendly now and with more opening up perfectly through the next two years to show its class and finesse.”

Peter Saunders, F&B Magazine, NZ, October 2008

“Richly complex wine with an attractive blend of white peach, sizzled butter, bread yeast lees and spicy oak flavours together with an emerging influence of toasty bottle development.”

Bob Campbell, www.bobswinereviews.com, September 2008

“A creamy, fleshy front opens into a full, mouth filling mid palate of crème caramel and white peach flavours, hanging off a sound spine of citric-feeling acids. A well paced tasty wine of good balance and complexity. Drink 2008-2011”

David Stewart, Sommnet.com, August 2008

“Very toasty, with vanilla and peach aromas and flavours, creamy texture and excellent balance.”

Graeme Barrow, Wine Advocate, NZ, Aug 08

Pinot Noir 2006

“Top flight Marlborough pinot, lovely texture, some depth in the fruit and just starting to express itself as a classical wine. One of the best from the region and Isabel’s slightly different soil and terroir show perfectly in this wine. Very good stuff.”

Peter Saunders, F&B Magazine, NZ, October 2008

“Attractive wine with plum, red and black cherry, anise/spice and classy oak flavours. Well structured with ripe tannins that gives an uncompromisingly dry finish. Quite a refined and complex style.”

Bob Campbell, www.bobswinereviews.com, September 2008

Pinot Noir 2005

“Has delicious plum and red berry flavours with a spicy lift, a silky mouthful and a lingering finish.”

Irish Independent, Dublin, Feb 2008

“Ruby-hued, with a savoury bouquet, revealing some complexity. It’s a middleweight style, with cherry, spice and tamarillo flavours, fresh, vibrant and firm.”

Michael Cooper, Buyer’s Guide to New Zealand Wines 2008

“Savoury nose with a red berry lift. . .gamey notes and touch of spice on a fresh, clean palate.”

Winestate Magazine, Australia, 2007

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