



thrilling pétillant & still NZ Sauvignon

FORREST

MARLBOROUGH

Leaving careers in molecular biology and medicine to embrace winemaking full time, doctors John and Brigid Forrest returned to Marlborough in 1988 to establish their first vineyard in Renwick at the heart of the stony Wairau River Valley. The couple launched the estate as a small, hands-on source for exceptional wines. Not satisfied with light engagement, the Forrests also created the Cornerstone Bordeaux reds in the Gimblett Gravels Region of Hawke's Bay, and produce fine Pinot Noir from their vineyards in Bannockburn and the Waitaki Valley, Otago.

"To the oft-asked question 'Why did you do it?' the answer is: a mixture of wine 'passion' and a desire to achieve and be recognized and rewarded for one's efforts. In hindsight we struck upon a career which suits our personalities - a perfect blend of art and science.

Grape-growing and winemaking is an exacting science, but it must have an artistic touch to give the wines 'soul.' That individual expression of style is the trademark of our wines – rich aromatic white wine, and powerfully scented reds – all impeccably structured and a joy to drink."



Forrest's formidable reputation for high quality, conscientiously-produced wines is partly indebted to outstanding estate vineyard sites at Hawke's Bay – Gimblett Gravels, Marlborough – Wairau Valley and Otago – Bannockburn and Waitaki Valley. Great terroir in tandem with the hands-on approach and an uncompromising quest for specialness ensures consistently excellent bottlings.

SPARK Northbank & Belmonte Vineyards

The fruit for this bright and lively Sauvignon comes from vines planted to Wairau Valley river gravels. In these free-draining, somewhat challenging soils, vines produce only small berries and juice yields are consequently quite limited. The happy results are healthy, intense grapes from which to create fine Sauvignon Blanc wine showcasing complexity and verve. Spark is Sauvignon with a **sparkle!**

Fruity, refreshingly crisp Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, perfect for celebrating special occasions yet modestly priced for everyday enjoyment. Effusive scents of passion fruit, lime and gooseberries introduce a vibrant and crisp palate featuring a lively "spark" on the tongue.

STONY BANK SAUVIGNON BLANC

This exciting, well-priced New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc sports a lovely mineral edge, with grapefruit and lemon/lime citrus on the nose along with hints of tropical fruit. Taut and savory on the palate, impressively smooth with ripeness offset but bright citrus.

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78% of Marlborough fruit is Sauvignon Blanc, and 77% of New Zealand production is from Marlborough; 2400 hours of annual sunshine with 25 inches of annual rainfall. The wines well-represent the cool but quite sunny climate, with low rainfall and moderately fertile, ancient glacial, deep, free-draining stony soils.

Quintessential Marlborough SB, minerality focused, sharp acidity, jalapeno, bell pepper. John Forrest creates wines to show varietal correctness assisted by the terroir, while Beth Forrest uses her experience from harvests abroad to further that ideal of varietal perfection with the family's outstanding vineyard locations.

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