



# OLD COACH ROAD

NELSON • NEW ZEALAND

Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc is a blend of fruit from the Cornfield and Brightwater Vineyards. **Cornfield Vineyard** is situated on a wide river flat. Soils here are of gravelly sandy loam, typical to the sites of Maori kumara (sweet potato) beds worked prior to European settlement in the early 1800's. The Maori transferred and spread fine gravel and sand over the land to provide suitable soils for their kumara plantings. Scrub was burned to yield ash and charcoal, increasing soil fertility. Although modern farming has gradually decreased that fertility, the extant sand makes for easy drainage and the relatively high water table supplies adequate underground water. Cornfield's proximity to the sea (1.5 km) helps moderate summer temperatures.

15 kilometers from the coast, **Brightwater Vineyard** is sheltered from the south by the Richmond Ranges. The soil includes a combination of rocks and boulders that are a constant challenge to the farm equipment, but are vital for storing the warmth of Nelson's sun and ripening the grapes.

In the vineyard, Old Coach viticulturists remove leaves from around the fruiting zones to allow light penetration and air movement around ripening bunches. Fruit is picked when flavors, sugars, and acids are nicely in balance, to achieve intense varietal flavors along with fresh, lasting acidity.

**GOLD** and "**BEST NZ SAUVIGNON BLANC**" at Mundus Vini 2014, Germany

**SILVER** at International Wine & Spirit Competition 2014, UK

**SILVER** at New York World Wine & Spirit Competition 2014, USA

**SILVER** at Spiegelau International Wine Competition 2014, NZ

**SILVER** at New Zealand International Wine Show 2014

## Old Coach Road **SAUVIGNON BLANC**

Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc offers a Sancerre-like vibrancy alongside ripe fruit and a generous mouthfeel; infused with pungent aromas of grapefruit, gooseberry, anise and white flowers; bone-dry and bracing on the attack, with fine layers of ripe apple, pink grapefruit, nectarine and orchard pit, this superb Kiwi Sauvignon finishes with mouthwatering vibrancy and fine acid cut.

*Decanter on the 2013: **91 Points** "Starting rather muted on the nose, the Nelson power is on the blackcurrant and green apple fruit palate. The fruit is understated, but the juicy, sinewy quality hints that the wine will open and become richer. Drink 2014-2016"*

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