

# LOCATIONS

## NZ - New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc

Bottled by Locations Wine



The island nation of New Zealand was our next logical addition to the locations family.

This voyage of discovery to this promised land has been worth the wait and the 14-hour flight. Recently voted as the number one best place to live in the world, we can see why. From the golden beaches to the north, to the sub-tropical forests which span the valleys, to the snowcapped mountains in the south. New Zealand is an incredibly diverse country which has us excited to explore what can be achieved. Sauvignon Blanc has found its natural home here, and we intend to see how best to represent and pay homage to this noble grape and country by producing a wine that is true and representative of what this country has to offer. All combined with our flare for blending across appellation and finding exciting parcels on the journey.

We have searched NZ for growers with old vines who have been farming these vineyards since Marlborough first was recognized as a premier wine growing region in the 1970's.

The base of our blend is comprised of fruit from vineyards in the heart of the Wairau Valley, with its traditional passionfruit and crisp grassy flavors. This component is complemented by the second wave of plantings in the ever expanding Awatere Valley, which is noted for the minerality and elegant characteristics the fruit gains from the region's proximity to the Pacific Ocean. For the balance of this wine, we have sought out fruit from the southern valley of Waihopai, where the gravel soils, and later, cooler ripening climate produce Sauvignon Blanc characteristics that provide the final layer of complexity and brings balance to our inaugural release of NZ.

### Blend

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### Accolades

"Dave Phinney - is one of the more creative young minds in all of the world's winedom. He is doing things that are far beyond his modest age and deserves to be commended for the brilliant individuality/singularity of all of his efforts."

-Robert Parker

"As of now, Dave Phinney might be my "value winemaker of the year" candidate. If there are better wines for under \$20 a bottle in the world today, please share that information with the Wine Advocate."

-Robert Parker

