CABLE BAY

VINEYARDS

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2026

AWATERE VALLEY, MARLBOROUGH



VARIETY	100% Sauvignon Blanc
VINTAGE	2026
REGION	Awatere Valley, Marlborough
SINGLE VINEYARD	Cinders Vineyard
HARVEST DATE	22nd March
ALCOHOL	12.5%
SWEETNESS	Dry
ACIDITY	7.5g/L
VINIFICATION	Fermented in a stainless-steel vat and aged on lees for 4 months
CELLARING POTENTIAL	Drinking beautifully now and over the next 5–7 years

TASTING NOTE

Grown on our Cinders Vineyard in the Awatere Valley, this Sauvignon Blanc reflects the distinctive character of the site and the exceptional conditions of the 2026 vintage. Aromas of passionfruit, grapefruit, lime, and blackcurrant leaf are complemented by subtle herbal notes and a distinctive mineral edge. The palate is vibrant and concentrated, with bright natural acidity, layered citrus and tropical fruit flavours, and a long, refreshing finish that is unmistakably Awatere Valley Sauvignon Blanc.

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE

Our carefully selected, estate-owned site benefits from naturally terraced land that slopes down towards the Awatere River. The region is characterised by low rainfall and low-vigour soils, predominantly formed from alluvial gravels, which contribute texture and minerality to the wines. The vines are densely planted, encouraging inter-vine competition and resulting in naturally low yields of high-quality fruit.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested during the cool of the morning and transported directly to the winery. The fruit was gently pressed, and the juice fermented to dryness at cool temperatures, allowing varietal character and fruit purity to be fully expressed. The wine was matured on light yeast lees for approximately four months, developing subtle texture and palate weight while retaining freshness and vibrancy. The wine was bottled and rested prior to release.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Cable Bay Vineyards, our philosophy centres on crafting premium boutique wines that embody the unique character of the vineyard sites from which they originate. Guided by a commitment to quality and sustainability with minimal intervention, our wines are a true reflection of the land and the care we put into every step of the process.
We believe that great wine starts in the vineyard. Our passionate team, led by the owner, focuses on ensuring that each grapevine is nurtured to its fullest potential. From vineyard management to the final pour, every decision we make is informed by our respect for the environment and the unique terroir of our regions.

Intensely aromatic, the bouquet showcases green rock melon, kiwifruit, capsicum, and kaffir lime aromas, followed by a vibrant palate filled with youthful fruit intensity. It's punchy and flavoursome with a lengthy, delicious finish. At its best: now to 2029. 95/100 5 stars Wine Orbit

A lovely bouquet of tropical fruits and citrus then fresh red apple and a natural mineral sea spray scents then fresh herbs and lees. So a packed bouquet for sure. A crisp, dry white wine on the palate with a backbone of power and acidity, mineral and ripe fruit flavours that mirror the primary scents. Well-made and lengthy with best drinking from day of purchase through 2029. 93/100 Cameron Douglas MS