

ASTROLABE AWATERE VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024



\$26.99

Awesome Awatere from Astrolabe
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Product Code:	4414	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Marlborough	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Awatere Valley	Alcohol:	13.0%
Style:	White	Grape:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Variety:	Sauvignon Blanc	Natural:	Vegan Friendly
Producer:	Astrolabe Wines		



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TASTING NOTES

A different expression to the well known "Province" Sauvignon Blanc, the Awatere Sauvignon focuses on Marlborough's more southern Awatere Valley, and the one that Bob Campbell MW has consistently scored in the mid-nineties for many years now. It's absolutely classical in Awatere character with grassy, green capsicum and tomato leaf flavours all wrapped up in a powerful and punchy mouthfeel and a nice line of bright mineral acidity draws out the finish.

Simon Waghorn, Winemaker notes (2024 Vintage)

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When I put this wine together, I really try to showcase parcels of fruit that I think are uber-Awatere, expressing the essence of the Awatere region. I always blend from Awatere valley vineyards on the north and south of the river to reflect the different soil fertility and flavour these sites contribute. Even though this wine is all about the Awatere, I am trying to show the Awatere as a whole, rather than just a single vineyard site.

The clay in the soils provides a nice mouth-coating texture. It has all those cedar and tobacco notes we get in the Awatere as well as all those green spectrum flavours we get across the board. This wine is a little more mineral than my Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc and a little more singular, because it's blended from only two or three sites every year. It doesn't have the vineyard complexity of our Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, but it has a lovely sense of place localised to the Awatere sub-region.

My Awatere Valley Sauvignon Blanc is dry and has an emphasis on aromatic herbs and fresh, green fruits, with a full and lingering mouthfeel, balanced acidity and a savoury, almost saline finish. The winemaking techniques are identical to my Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, and the differences entirely come from site selection and blending.

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Food Pairing - Green-lipped mussels, goat's cheese, tabbouleh, fresh herbs and peppery leaves."

Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, October 2024 (2024 Vintage)

"Complex and enticing bouquet with a citrus and savoury drive, aromas and flavours of grapefruit and lemon then gooseberry and apple. There's a natural fruit spice, dried herb and saline quality through the palate adding breadth, complexity and an expression of place. Fantastic acid line and length. Best drinking from 2025 through 2027+."

94/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, December 2024 (2024 Vintage)

"The 2024 Awatere Valley Sauvignon Blanc is excellent. It is crunchy, green, piercingly intense, leafy/herbal, maritime and enduring through the finish. This is a magnificent Sauvignon Blanc—distinct and packed with personality. Perhaps it is possible to overlook the phenolics through the finish in favour of the fruit, which is so concentrated and impressive; but it would be an oversight steeped in error, as the wine has a chalky balance and draw that tempers the fruit power."

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