

SENTINEL VINEYARD

Single Vineyard Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

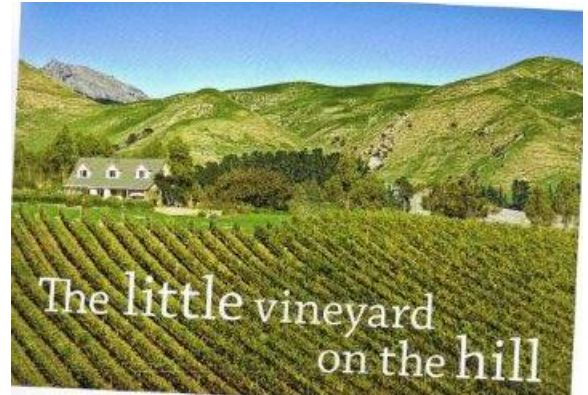


Continued dedication to producing exceptional hillside Sauvignon Blanc was awarded again with a **Silver Medal** at the prestigious *International Wine and Spirits Competition*, this year held in Vienna, for their newly released 2009 vintage.

Dedicated hard work has paid off for the Berry's, owners of Sentinel Vineyard, when their second vintage, 2007, was awarded a **Gold Medal, Best in Tasting Class**, at the *International Wine and Spirit Competition* held in London in 2007.

This family-owned boutique vineyard was planted in 2003 and 2004. Consisting of 8.6 hectares, the vineyard specializes in growing Sauvignon Blanc. The location is on the clay hillsides of the Brancott Valley in Marlborough, New Zealand.

The clay hillside is positioned for the Marlborough sunshine. With the intense mineral content in the soils at their site, the wine shows uniqueness and distinction that only a single vineyard wine can produce.



Wine Philosophy



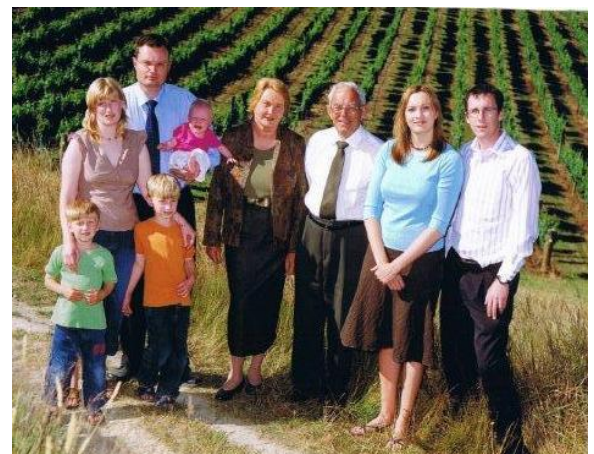
An accredited sustainable vineyard, the grapes are machine harvested at peak ripeness. The winemaker's philosophy is one of minimal handling, thereby allowing the fruit to fully express the vineyard's own characteristics. These grapes underwent a long cool ferment to fully express maximum varietal character.

This 2009 vintage, their fourth, shows typical Marlborough style. It displays tropical and dried herbs on the nose and slight hints of passion-fruit skin. The palate shows a good full and balanced wine. Green capsicum and passion-fruit with undertone hints of tropical fruits completes the profile, ending with a lovely crisp acidity for a long lingering zesty finish.

Total production: 5000 cases
12% alcohol by volume pH 3.21 TA 7.3g/L

The Owners

Lyn and Neil Berry, whose family lineage in Marlborough dates back to the 1860's, planted their vineyard to Sauvignon Blanc on Reparier Gloire and SO4 to emphasize flavor over quantity. They are hands-on owners, Neil managing the day to day workings in the vineyard and Lyn handling all the sales and marketing. Currently their distribution covers, the UK, Australia and New Zealand markets.





The logo: depicts the outline of the hillside, steep on the seaward side and rounded on lee side. The Marlborough sunshine radiates through the vineyard. A Tasting room is located at the top of the hill.

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