



THE PASS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012

INTRODUCTION

Made with grapes from a single source, Ara's award winning single vineyard estate wines fuse the time-honoured art of winemaking with fresh ideas to amplify the natural qualities of our remarkable Marlborough location.

All Ara wines come from our single, sustainably managed vineyard, delivering pure fruit expression with texture, elegance and refinement. The result is an intriguing Marlborough experience.

Ara is a single estate with wine that reflects the purity of the place it comes from. The Pass from Ara, takes its name from the Waihopai Pass, a rugged mountain pass visible from Ara's single estate vineyard

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HARVEST & WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were sourced from a single vineyard situated in the Southern Valleys area within Marlborough, at the convergence of the Wairau and Waihopai Rivers.

The vineyard is planted on alluvial soils that are much older than other parts of Marlborough. The leaching of soil's nutrients over many thousands of years results in lower natural fertility. The low vigour, low yielding Sauvignon Blanc vines deliver fruit with an ideal balance of ripeness, intensity and acidity.

The inland Marlborough climate, with its warm days and very cool nights produces a riper, more subtle expression of the region's iconic Sauvignon Blanc.

Grapes from targeted parcels were machine harvested in early April. At the winery the Sauvignon Blanc fruit was de-stemmed, crushed and gently pressed off. Settled juice was racked to tank for a long cool fermentation between 12-14°C. The wine was aged on yeast lees for about two months prior to racking, blending and fining, then bottled in September

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content (%v/v)	13.0
Titratable acidity (as Tartaric Acid) (g/L)	6.5
pH	3.3
Total sugars (g/L)	<1



TASTING NOTE

Fully flavoured, with lively citrus and tropical fruit aromas, The Pass Sauvignon Blanc delivers the purity of single estate and the aromatic intensity that makes Marlborough New Zealand famous world over.

Enjoy this vibrant Sauvignon Blanc immediately upon release or appreciate its

