

Deep Down Wines Marlborough



Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2020

This new label was co-founded by Clive Dougall, former longtime winemaker at acclaimed biodynamic estate, Seresin. This single vineyard project takes a more natural, minimal approach from the winemaking front. Pale gold in color, it smells of honey, fresh butter, damp hay, stones, waxy lemon, pineapple and wild flowers and herbs. The palate is long and textural, playing quite beautifully with the prickly acidity.

92 pts– Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast, November 2021

Fuller and richer in the mouth than many Marlborough Sauvignon Blancs, it hints at honeyed grapefruit, features a fine, silky mouthfeel, and it wraps up with a lithe, lingering grapefruit nish. It's a top-notch effort from Clive Dougall, former winemaker at Seresin Estate.

91 pts– Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate, April 2021

Deep Down is a name to watch—low intervention Marlborough wines of real transparency. This is Marlborough Sauv, but not as you know it. Wild fermented. Some barrel ferment, some malo, the whole package a step up in the Sauv stakes. Leesy and a little sweet and sour, the plus is the innate complexity—layers of flavour, a welcome tang, some vegetal bits too. Lots going on. It's not easygoing wine—a little too uneven for that—but intrigue is high.

91 pts– Andrew Graham, Oz Wine Reviews, March 2021

Want to know what Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc tastes like in its natural state? Then look no further than this example with its natural ferment, partially in oak, which has made it so elegant and understated in comparison to most Marlborough Savvy. It still has the pale colour and tropical fruits of guava and passionfruit but in a gently aromatic rather than pungent style. But there is also a delicious nettle edge with an almost stony minerality. It is dry and crisp with good palate energy and a slightly rounded and nutty palate thanks to that ferment in oak which adds a nice touch of complexity to the fruit before finishing long, again with that stony edge making an appearance. It comes to life with food.

92 pts– Angus Hughson, Wine Pilot, January 27, 2021