



## Greenhough Sauvignon Blanc 2017

### Technical

Region	Nelson
Vineyard	Greenhough and Morison Vineyards, Hope Certified Organic (BioGro NZ No.5119)
Variety	100% Sauvignon Blanc , Mass Selection
Soil Type	Ranzau alluvial clay loam gravels
Vintage	Spring was on the mild to cool side of the temperature range. These conditions persisted deep enough into the season to affect flowering, resulting in lighter than average yields at harvest. Rainfall during spring was well above normal. The summer months were slightly cooler than the historical average but dry enough that water restrictions were imposed by late February. Cyclone Debbie (early March) brought unseasonal rainfall and ended the dry period. The cooler season with lighter crop load meant that fruit ripened more gradually with harvest beginning about a week later than in recent years. All fruit was harvested prior to the onset of the second cyclone, Cook, in mid-April. What was looking to be a prolonged harvest was in the end short and sharp and like 2016 logistically challenging. Wines at this stage look vibrant and aromatically expressive with outstanding colour in the pinot noir.
Harvest	Harvested, 2 – 12 April, 2017 19.8 – 20.5 brix, 3.01 – 3.06 pH, 10.5 – 11.1 g/L TA
Processing	De-stemmed, pressed and settled
Fermentation	Inoculated with a range of yeasts and tank fermented. Approx 15% high solids wild fermentation and lees contact in French oak (new and seasoned)
Maturation	Blended post-fermentation following a short period on full solids
Bottled	15 August, 2017, sterile filtered
Analysis	12.8% Alc, 3.28 pH, 7.5 g/L TA, 2.9 g/L

### Style

A classic “top of the south” style, vibrant and crunchy in spirit. A portion of high solids fermentation with indigenous yeasts has bridled the most overt of varietal characters and contributed subtle palate texture and depth. Aromatically there’s an intriguing mix of fresh sweet florals, tangelo/citrus along with nettle and crushed herb notes. This is reflected in the flavour profile of the palate. At first fresh and vibrant, the wine opens with a little time to reveal a softer, generous core of melon, tangelo and variously ripe citrus.