

LOVEBLOCK

Loveblock was forged from a love affair with a view and a challenge.

Perched right on top of the hills overlooking Marlborough's Awatere Valley, our Loveblock is far removed from the agricultural bustle in the valley below. From here you can almost see the end of the planet, the peace lifts you above your troubles. We are charged with creating the best wine we can to express this extraordinary place with its unique aspect. We follow our deeply held belief of ethical farming which allows the wine to show its true and naked terroir.

Loveblock is our heart and soul.

Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013

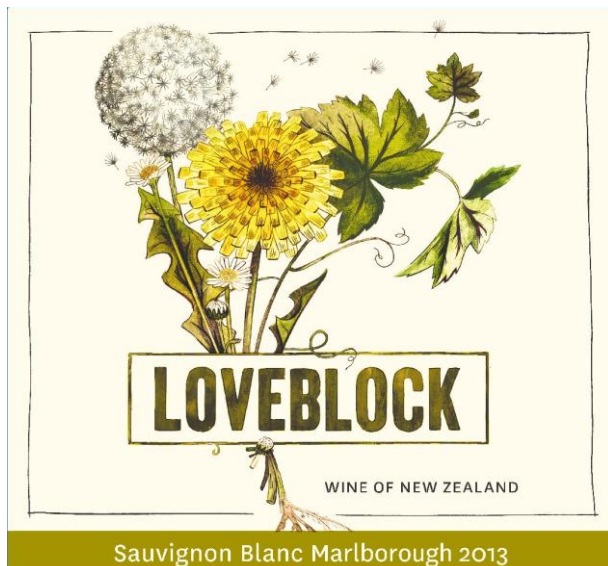
Vineyard Notes

The grapes are sourced from estate vineyards in Marlborough, two in the lower Awatere valley, and one at the base of the Waihopai valley.

The soil type is predominately aged alluvial loams containing some clay over stone. Dependent on vigour the vines were pruned to two, three or four canes, trained in a normal vertical shoot position. Ideal flowering conditions, followed by a warm dry summer meant the grapes were picked in perfect condition. As the vine vigour determines the crop load, the yield was an average of 3 tonnes per acre. Harvest occurred in the first week of April, a month earlier than last year.

Vinification

All of our estate fruit is batch produced in small amounts, vineyard variability determines the size of the batch. Machine harvested in the cool Marlborough mornings, the batches are fermented separately till dry. Then post fermentation the best batches are selected for the Loveblock blend.



Tasting Notes:

Colour: Water white with a hint of green and gold.

Aroma: Lifted aromatics with white peach, passionfruit and citrus notes.

Palate: Explosive palate with white peach, underscored with tropical fruits and linear acidity.

Food match: Sashimi, oysters, soft shell crab, lemongrass based dishes and new season asparagus.

Serve at: 45-50°F (7-10°C).

Cellar: 5 to 7 years

Analysis:

Alcohol	13.2%
pH	3.30
TA	7.3 g/l
Residual sugar	4 g/l

Winemaker: Kim Crawford

Tasted: November 2013

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