

Neudorf Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2007

"It is a stylish act, dry with attractive pure varietal flavours. Tim Finn is not one to rush a wine this 2007 Sauvignon was released as others were beginning to market their 2008." Bob Campbell MW Gourmet Wine Traveller. (AUS)

"Mouth-filling and rich, this vibrant, fully dry wine has a lovely array of fresh, ripe-fruit flavours, a touch of oak-derived complexity and a good acid spine". **** ½ Stars Michael Cooper – Listener September 2008

"The 2007 Sauvignon Blanc has a vibrant nose with hints of tropical fruit: orange zest and apricot with subtle herbaceous tones on the palate." 90/100 Robert Parker's - Wine Advocate April 2008

A nose of soft citrus, elderflower, white currants, lemongrass and a hint of nettle and dewy forest leaves. A creamy Sauvignon Blanc, deeply elegant and satisfying from the ripe entry through to the final flourish of minerality. Aromatic with a nice fruit burst in the mid-palate to carry the wine through.

In the vineyards and winery we are constantly pushing Sauvignon Blanc into shape to define it as a fine wine, rather than a refreshing beverage. We want a wine with texture. A wine which is complex and satisfying rather than a simple expression of fruit.

We have chosen to pursue the line of grace, texture and ripe creamy fruit notes. These wines sit just as well alongside modern Asian - fusion food as they do our more traditional and simply prepared Kai Moana.

"Deliciously fragrant, lovely textural undertones. Enticing wine, hugely attractive and full of charm" Charmian Smith - Otago Daily Times

Technical Notes Neudorf Sauvignon Blanc - Nelson 2007

A cool flowering meant a reduced crop from blocks in both the Waimea Plains and Moutere Clays. Fruit was harvested over a long period starting from 28/3/07 and finishing on 30/4/07. The analysis at harvest ranged from 22.1 Brix, 3.33pH and 9.2gL TA to 23.1 Brix, 3.29pH and 9.75gL TA.

Most of the fruit was machine harvested, crushed and destemmed to the press, while 15% was whole bunch pressed for greater complexity. The juice was cold settled and racked off lees to small individual batch fermenters. 12.2% was fermented in older oak barriques. A cool fermentation took place before the wine was blended, stabilised for heat and cold, filtered and bottled on 23/10/07.

Analysis at bottling 3.39pH, 7.4 gL Total Acidity, 1.5gL, 13.5%v/v alcohol.