

CLIFFORD BAY

2010 SAUVIGNON BLANC

WELCOME TO CLIFFORD BAY – New Zealand To The Core

Our home is the famed Marlborough winegrowing region on New Zealand's South Island. Our name comes from nearby Clifford Bay, located at the eastern entrance of the Cook Strait and the Tasman Sea. To the north are the stunning White Cliffs and beyond that is Cloudy Bay.

VINTAGE

The 2010 growing season was noteworthy for its extremes. Spring was cooler than normal then we settled into typical Marlborough weather patterns of dry, warm days and cool nights. November through April was slightly warmer and drier than average which allowed us to harvest for optimal flavours and freshness.

VINEYARDS

We harvest fruit from both estate and grower vineyards located in Marlborough's two marquee regions: the Awatere and Wairau Valleys. All of our vineyards are sustainably farmed and Clifford Bay Winery is Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand certified.

AWATERE VALLEY Awatere takes its name from the local river and is the cooler of the two regions. It features a unique, stony greywacke alluvium soil that is well draining and produces powerful, bracing and minerally wines.

WAIRAU VALLEY Located to the north of Awatere, this region derives its name from the Wairau River which flows from the mountains to the ocean at Cloudy Bay. It possesses shallow, stony soils that encourage high toned, ethereal and vibrant wines.

WINEMAKING

We are focused on preserving both varietal character and regional accuracy in all of our wines. Our winemaking regime emphasizes the freshness, balance and structure of our fruit. After harvest, the grapes are gently pressed, fermented and aged in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks to ensure bright aromatics, lush textures and balance.

TASTING

Our Sauvignon Blanc is all about expressive fruit flavours. The wine possesses a light straw colour and tropical aromas of guava, melon and citrus. The palate exhibits the same fine flavours followed by a crisp, dry, flinty finish.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

REGION	Marlborough, New Zealand		
COMPOSITION	100% Sauvignon Blanc		
AGING	Stainless Steel		
pH	3.27	TA	7.5g/L
ALCOHOL	13.5%	CLOSURE	Screwcap
BOTTLING DATE	August 2010		
RELEASE DATE	November 2010		