

HUIA

Established in 1996, by Claire and Mike Allan, Huia (pronounced "HOO-yah") Vineyards are organic and biodynamically farmed. Not only are the vineyards farmed without chemicals, but they are also home to cows that wander through the vines, amidst wild flowers that grow at the vines' roots. Beginning with this year's 2011 vintage, the wines will be certified organic.



Consisting of three plots, the estate includes the Home block which consists of 9ha of the original plantings, the Shipley block which was planted with Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris in 2005, and the Winsome block, which includes 15ha of soils that are deep with rich clay.

Committed to the production of premium and classical Marlborough wines, Huia is focused on hand-crafting fine, unique wines that express the richness of Marlborough grapes from the vineyard through to the table. With Claire and Mike serving double duty as both owners and winemakers, Huia wines are created with a passionate and personal touch.

SAUVIGNON BLANC



Varietal/Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Farming: certified organic (BioGro) and biodynamic practices

Soil: heavy clay and stony river silts

Ave Year Vines Planted: 2000

Fermentation: 85% stainless steel; 15% neutral French oak

Aging: 6 months in stainless steel

Alcohol: 13%

Yeast: indigenous & wine yeasts

Fined: no

Filtered: yes

Production #s: 11,000 cases

"Two estate vineyards provide grapes for the Huia Sauvignon Blanc. The stony sandy loam soils of the Huia vineyard offer a tropical fruit profile while the clay-based soils of our Winsome vineyard provide herbaceous notes, lime and minerality to the wine.

Around ten percent of the juice undergoes natural fermentation in a mixture of neutral to new French oak. The wine fermented through to a dry style. Elderflower, red bell pepper, and nettles lift the nose; the palate is fine, well balanced and shows classical minerality." Winemaker's Notes

Country: New Zealand

Region: Marlborough

Sub Region: Rapaura

Vineyard: Home and Winsome

Vineyard Size: 25ha