



Reviews & Accolades

MARAMA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2007

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE

Bob Campbell MW, April 2011

92 points. 4 stars

Intensely flavoured wine with a rich, almost chewy texture. Ripe fruit (peach, grapefruit and melon) with added complexity from oak. Not strongly varietal.

STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE REVIEW

Stephen Tanzer, September 2010

91 points.

Fairly full yellow color. Wild aromas of ginger, quinine, sweet spices and nutty oak, with a tropical fruit quality emerging with aeration. Thick, silky and on the sweet side, with sexy orange oil, pineapple and honey flavors lifted by high-pitched brown spices. Finishes dense and long, with enough structure to support a few more years of evolution in bottle. Far from your typical Marlborough sauvignon, but there's a lot going on here.

MICHAEL COOPERS BUYERS GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND WINES 2010

Michael Cooper, 2010

5 stars

This complex style of Sauvignon Blanc is hand-picked from the oldest vines in the estate vineyard at Renwick, in Marlborough, fermented with indigenous yeasts in French oak barriques (25 per cent new in 2007), and wood-matured for well over a year. The 2007 vintage has a scented, ripely herbal, complex bouquet. Sturdy (14.5 per cent alcohol) and rich, it's a very powerful, sweet-fruited wine with highly concentrated stone-fruit flavours, slightly nutty, dry and long.

THE WINE ADVOCATE

Neal Martin, September 2009

92 points

The fantastic 2007 Marama Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from the Home Vineyard's oldest vines and fermented in French barriques, 25% new and is endowed with an intense nose of apple, dried pineapple, gooseberry and lychee. Good definition and developing a faint hint of clear honey with time. The palate is well balanced with great weight, slightly viscous in texture with that honeyed element becoming more noticeable towards the finish. Builds nicely, finishes almost like a Chardonnay rather than a Sauvignon Blanc (probably due partly to the new oak), but there is no doubting the sense of natural balance and precision. Excellent.

THE WINE ANORAK

Jamie Goode, May 2009

92 points

Intense minerally, toasty nose. Rich, concentrated and complex with powerful ripe fruit flavours and some smoky herbal notes. The palate has an amazing array of flavours: green herbs, toast, minerals and fresh citrus. There's noticeable oak here but lots of fruit, too. An amazing wine that's weird but really good.