

Holdaway Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

2024



95 POINTS - OUTSTANDING

Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

January 2025 *A stunning example with a bouquet of minerality and salty air, scents of nettles and tropical fruits, cape gooseberry and citrus peel. As the wine touches the palate the impacts of acidity and fresh citrus fruits are revealed first, then apple and fresh sage, basil and aforementioned tropical fruits. Saline and fresh, a delicious wine with a decent palate squeeze. Lengthy and well made with best drinking from day of purchase through 2029+*

94 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous

March 2025 *The 2024 Sauvignon Blanc Holdaway Vineyard provides a vivid, vibrant, crisp and crunchy expression. It's finely flavored but not overt: expect a salty note like the sea air, lemon, passion fruit and snow pea flavors lending back up. Despite its assertiveness, it is finely poised and has a much better sense of direction than I do, providing line and length.*

94 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | realreview.com

January 2025 *Intense, aromatic sauvignon with pronounced passion fruit/tropical fruit flavours together with grapefruit, red capsicum, oyster shell and gooseberry supported by vibrant juicy acidity that helps drive a lengthy finish.*

94 POINTS

Erin Larkin | Wine Advocate

June 2025 *The 2024 Holdaway Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc hails from Dillons Point in the Lower Wairau, on the shores of the Cook Strait. The wine is chalky and mineral and more than a little bit salty, with fresh coriander, crushed oyster shell, lemon oil, verbena and wet stone. The fruit is fleshy, but the wine retains a core of tension and freshness. I love the draw and linger of flavor through the finish. While the aim of the game here is to minimize the impact of bittering phenolics, the wine is in possession of tremendous texture. It had a cool, long, ferment, and the juice was stirred to keep the lees in suspension; now they are settling to introduce textural interest. 13% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.*

5 STARS

Michael Cooper MA ONZM | michaelcooperwines.com

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92 POINTS

James Suckling | jamesuckling.com

January 2025 *The aromas of currant bush, passion fruit and green melon are subtle. Medium-bodied, refined and textured. Understated Marlborough sauvignon.*

17 POINTS

Julia Harding MW | jancisrobinson.com

February 2025 *Intensely aromatic and immediately recognisable as Marlborough Sauvignon, both peapod and more exotic passionfruit, plus grapefruit and blackcurrant leaf, even a touch of capsicum. Tastes dry and extremely crisp, though there is a roundness and depth in the mouth from the sweetness of fruit, which is more passionfruit and guava on the palate as it warms up. Treads a fine line between fruit sweetness/intensity and crisp elegance. Chewy finish – from the lees – and extremely moreish in its freshness. Intense but not excessively pungent, with a long, rich but dry finish. It may well age longer but I'd enjoy this while the fruit is so vibrant.*