

# CROSSROADS WINERY



*Crossroads Winery is a boutique winery founded in 1990 in Hawke's Bay, located on the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand. Fascinated by the success of Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough, we decided to purchase a winery and vineyard there in 2002. Our vision is to craft wines that convey superb primary fruit character, complexity and are true to the variety, climate and soil.*

## Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

### VITICULTURE / WINEMAKING

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**Our philosophy is a simple one: We will craft wines that truly reflect the variety and the environment, mindful that we must tread carefully on our beautiful land.**

All Crossroads Winery owned vineyards are managed under the strict rules of New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing®. This ensures that we use minimal inputs, focusing on balancing the yield of each vine to ensure ripeness and concentration of flavour.

Marlborough is all about balance, dramatic in its beauty yet gentle on its grapevines. Blessed with consistently good weather for wine-growing the best vintages like 2009 give us the vibrant and intense style of Sauvignon Blanc that make the region famous.

Bursting into life after the winter the flowering and fruit set took place in near perfect conditions. To further enhance quality the shoot-thinning technique was used to ensure naturally concentrated flavours in the grapes. Though clear and dry the 2009 season also had a crisp edge, so was a little cooler than previous years, giving our wine especially vibrant aromas and a delightfully classic cool-climate pungency.

### WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

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Leaping out of the glass and dancing across the palate vivid gooseberry and passionfruit flavours dart to a long and persistent finish. Fresh and zesty acidity keeps the style fresh and aromatic. Very balanced and intense this Sauvignon Blanc is sure to please every Marlborough fan.

### WINE AND FOOD

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The exuberance of this Savvy make it the perfect foil for simply prepared shellfish. We love it with Marlborough green lipped mussels or for a rare seasonal treat world famous Bluff oysters from the southern depths of the South Island. This wine also partners beautifully with toasted pita bread and hummus on a summer Saturday afternoon.



Matthew Mitchell, Winemaker



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

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<b>Vintage</b>	2009
<b>Region</b>	Marlborough, NZ
<b>Winemaker</b>	Matthew Mitchell
<b>Viticulturist</b>	John van der Linden
<b>Clone</b>	Predominantly MS
<b>Harvested</b>	2009
<b>Oak Treatment</b>	Nil
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	13.0%
<b>Titrateable Acid</b>	7.1g/l
<b>PH</b>	3.32
<b>Residual sugar</b>	4.0g/l
<b>Cellaring</b>	now – 2011
<b>GS-1 Barcode</b>	941674404062 1
<b>Case Barcode</b>	1 941674406654 3
<b>Packed</b>	750ml x 12

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