

# Rock Ferry Wines

## 2009 Rock Ferry Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

- Vineyard:** The Corners
- Region:** Wairau Plains, Marlborough. The vineyard is situated within an ancient bend of the Opawa River and the vineyard name in fact refers to the shape of the road which follows this old river channel.
- Vintage:** The 2009 vintage was a classic cool climate vintage. Good spring growing conditions lead to a hot dry summer. Despite some rain in late summer/early autumn the lead up to harvest saw dry cool weather providing succulent fruit with refreshing acidity.
- Viticulture:** Our aim is best summed up by 'fine wine begins with the vine'. Our approach is through organic and biodynamic viticulture (The Corners Vineyard is certified organic by BioGro New Zealand) where we strive for balance in the vineyard. This ultimately provides grapes that are a reflection of our particular site.
- Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested and whole bunched pressed. The majority (70 %) of the wine was fermented in a mixture of new and seasoned French Oak using indigenous yeast, while the remaining portion was cool fermented in Stainless Steel with cultured yeast. The wine was then matured on lees for 4 months prior to blending and bottling.
- Tasting Notes:** Concentrated gooseberry and tropical fruit aromas are complemented by subtle oak and mineral nuances. The palate is full bodied and seamless with a creamy texture derived from extended lees contact.
- Technical:** 13.5% Alc, 3.44pH, 6.9g/l T.A., R.S 2.1 g/l
- Winemaker:** Allan McWilliams

