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SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021



Urlar means ‘the Earth’ in Gaelic, paying homage to the Scottish roots of the founding farmer. Driven by economic and environmental sustainability, we believe that ‘fine wine shouldn’t cost the Earth’. URLAR Gladstone became fully BioGro certified in 2010. Our commitment to organic viticulture and winemaking has continued to this day.

Following the biodynamic farming and gardening calendar, the rhythmic influences of the sun, moon, planets and stars are recognized and leveraged where possible.

The Wairarapa sub-region of Gladstone is blessed with a cool climate and plenty of sunshine. Wines from this region are known for their complexity and elegance. Our 31-hectare single vineyard is located on ancient free-draining soils and our intercropping maintains healthy soils full of life and biodiversity. Our seven-year cover crop rotation promotes nutrient-dense soils and vines. These plants not only replenish vital nutrients to the soils, they also provide crucial protection to the vineyard as they attract beneficial insects that will kill off unwanted pests and predators that can destroy the vines, leaves or roots. Utilizing practices that give life back to the ancient free-draining alluvial soil and managing the vineyard as a balanced sustainable unit, results in wines that are beautiful, clean, true wines that have not impacted negatively on the soil as they have been crafted.

This wine is made from hand-picked Sauvignon Blanc, whole cluster pressed for purity of juice. Largely natural fermentation in aged French oak barriques and 500 liter puncheons (large format oak). Partial malolactic fermentation gives added weight and texture. A small portion of skin-fermented Sauvignon Blanc gives aromatic interest and delicious citrus pithy characters. This wine has a light straw color with a leesy complex nose that’s brightened by lemon blossom and summer stone fruits. On the palate, it is deliciously textural with intense pithy lemon cut through by salinity. Stone fruits and honey bring sweetness, which is balanced by a nutty almond character. This wine is fresh, bright and delicious.

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Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand
VINEYARD	Urlar Estate
VARIETAL	100% Sauvignon Blanc
ALCOHOL	14%
HARVEST DATES	April