

MANU

Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Marlborough • New Zealand



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Winery Principals	A joint venture between Steve Bird (Owner, Steve Bird Vineyard & Winery) and David Duckhorn (Owner, Via Pacifica Selections)
Director of Winemaking	Steve Bird
Wine Specifications	
Alcohol	13.0%
T/A	0.65 g/100ml
pH	3.35
Residual Sugar	0.25 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	22.5
Cellaring	Drink now
Harvest Date	April 3 – 7, 2009

Vineyards

Location

Wairau Valley & Omaka Valley, Marlborough

Soils

Clay loam

Vines

VSP trellising. Intensive canopy management system. Certified by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand.

Vintage

The clay loam top soils paid dividends for the 2008/09 growing season. A prolonged dry spell through most of the vintage saw many vines on stony sites suffer stress, however the slightly better water holding capacity of the clays helped the Manu fruit avoid this issue. Ripening was long and slow leading to excellent flavour retention and nice bright acids in the wines (classical Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc growing conditions)

Vinification

Destemmed, light press (free run juice only), cool fermentation in stainless steel, no MLF. Winery is certified by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand.

Winemaker's Notes

Overall Impression

Fruit forward, bright, and lively.

Aromas

Citrus, tropical, herbal.

Palate

Gooseberry, sweet herb, and passionfruit.

Serving Suggestions

Well-chilled with oysters, or almost any shellfish. Has sufficient acidity to serve with light cream sauces.

SRP US\$12.00



Manu is the Maori word for both bird and kite, and the Manu logo is an interpretation of a 'Te Manu Tukutuku', a beautifully crafted Maori kite. This kite represents the hallmarks of Manu wines: craftsmanship, elegance, and the pure nature of New Zealand.

- The bouquet serves up bright notes of lime blossom, passion fruit, pink grapefruit and some stone fruit character. On the palate, the wine is clean and crisp with good length." *(Jim Chanteloup, K&L New Zealand wine buyer), Spring 2010*
- This light, crisp Sauvignon Blanc from the Wairau Valley in New Zealand's Marlborough region is an excellent value. — *Wine of the Week, Best of New Orleans.com, April 2010*
- Best Buy/Top Tip/Consumer Choice "Enjoyed by judges and consumers alike." — *TiZWine.com, June 2010*
- "Recommended Sauvignon Blancs to buy...Manu 2009" — *Forbes.com, March 2010*

