

# Shangri-La Sauvignon Blanc 2022

Nelson's intense colours and vibrancy have inspired our Shangri-La Art Label. The Sauvignon Blanc label proudly features the painting "Spring at Blackenbrooks" by well-known Nelson landscape artist Michelle Bellamy.

This Sauvignon Blanc bursts out of your glass with intense gooseberry, citrus and elderflower notes. Zesty and alive, there's a wonderful purity and delicacy to this wine.



**The Season:** It started off like a dream: a warm spring, mild conditions for flowering and a strong fruit set, lots of blue skies and just enough rainfall to keep the vineyard happy and working at its best.

But 70mm of rain followed by two weeks of warm, humid weather in February had us worried about our crop. The weather recovered, but the grapes were now fragile and wouldn't survive another big rain event.

And where would we find pickers? Covid 19 was raging and the borders closed. But the community support was absolutely amazing with lots of people offering their help. We ended up bringing in a beautiful harvest with the best picking team ever – such a relief!

**Certified vegan,**  
New Zealand Vegetarian Society



**Sustainable Production,**  
Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand

**Vineyard:** all fruit from our 21 year old home block  
Clone: Sauvignon Blanc MS  
Soil: Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam  
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry  
Hand-picked in beautiful condition on 17 March 2022 with 22.5 Brix

**Winery:** Extremely gentle winemaking  
whole bunch pressed,  
gravity-fed from press area to main winery,  
cool fermentation, extended lees contact,  
minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling  
5% oak-aged for added complexity  
3.6g/ltr natural residual sugar, 13.0% alcohol  
Bottled on 18 July 2022 under screw capsules  
light-weight bottles to reduce carbon footprint

**94/100 Cameron Douglas MS, [camdouglasms.com](http://camdouglasms.com)**  
Pungent and lively bouquet with powerful scents of meyer lemon and summer warmed green apple, a combination of fresh herbs and tropical fruits add concentration and drive. On the palate an equally intense wine with a core of fruit, salivating acid line and flavours that reflect the bouquet. Delicious and fresh, a great summer wine for 2023 through 2025.

**4½ Stars Michael Cooper, [michaelcooperwines.com](http://michaelcooperwines.com)**