

# ranga.ranga.

MARLBOROUGH, SAUVIGNON BLANC

## Tasting Vintage 2025

Dried, spiced dried herbs infused with essence of key limes on a wet stone. All of this assaults the senses and, if you take another, closer, look there is a gentle smokey character that is like soft blanket over it all. There is, as well, a light minerality that goes hand in hand with the wet stone aromatics and completes the aromatic picture of this classic version of ranga ranga.

Initially quitesoft for ranga ranga, the beautifully balancing freshness of juicy, mouthwatering ripe citrus soon puts in a appearance. The mid palate is bright yet deep and concentrated, being led by a stream of flavors to keep the drinker's interest. These include the super ripe citrus of the attack, plus the texture provided by that wet stone minerality found on the nose, plus the light smokey character, plus the complexity of the dried herbs. Alot of pluses there, caused by the layered nature of the wine which pulls right on through the finish – a finish about which I always seem to find myself writing that, somehow, it leaves you wanting another glass. I write all my tasting notes with a glass of the subject wine in front of me and this comment rears its head all the time because, well, I always find myself wanting a full glass of ranga ranga. **ranga. ranga. IS 100% VEGAN FRIENDLY**

## The Vineyards

Well, having flip-flopped from wet to dry winters over the last couple of years, we finally had one that might be considered "normal". This normalcy was, however, offset by some excitement on the frost front, with a very unusual event occurring in late October, when spring was in full swing. There appeared to be no frost risk, and another cool spring morning was expected, but we were in for something of a shock. Temperatures did not get to zero, there was no frost on the ground at all, yet in a small hollow of Waverley, a frost occurred in the canopy, writing off an acre of fruit. This has never happened before, and we surely hope it never happens again. From then on, right up to harvest, we had a very solid growing season. Flowering and fruit set were solid without being spectacular and the lead up to harvest was the perfect mix of warm early autumn days, with cool evenings and mornings, allowing those classic Blind River flavors to slowly build in the fruit.

## Winemaker Notes

While the flavors in Arona came early in the fruit's ripening process this year, with ranga ranga it was later than usual, resulting in slightly higher alcohol, and for once, the fruit for ranga ranga was not our first harvest. The winemaking remains the same, though – simple, meticulous and as hands off as possible. This is winemaking at it simplest but the finished wine is far from simple, being complex, layered and a wonderful expression of our Waverley Vineyard.

## Food Pairing

Matches well to spicy food. Thai, Japanese, Indian—but works equally well with seafood, particularly oysters, as well as fat cheeses.

## Technical Details

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| Region     | Blind River, Awatere Valley, Marlborough                       | Fermentation     | 100% Stainless Steel (down to 9°C)         |
| Clone and  | 59% Mass Select on Riparia Gloire<br>41% Mass Select on 101-14 | Yeast            | 62% Excellence FTH<br>19% CSK102<br>19% X5 |
| Pick Dates | 59% on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>41% on 26 <sup>th</sup> March | Residual Sugar   | 1.7g/L                                     |
|            |  | pH               | 3.26                                       |
|            |  | TA               | 6.8g/L                                     |
|            |  | Alcohol          | 12.8%                                      |
|            |  | Suggested Retail | \$15                                       |



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