

Kotare Sauvignon Blanc

COLOR

Pale straw

AROMA

Lifted aromas of passion fruit, complemented wonderfully by ripe gooseberry and a hint of lime.

PALATE

A light bodied wine full of powerful passion fruit and herbal notes that balance the mouth watering acidity and lead to a warm, lingering, zingy finish.

AGING

Perfect for drinking immediately, this Sauvignon blanc will be at its best over the next 12-18 months.

WINE MAKING

Estate grown fruit was harvested in the cool of the morning and then transported to the winery for immediate pressing so as to minimize the skin contact and the juice deterioration. Cool fermentation in stainless steel with selected yeasts was employed to retain bright, fresh aromas and flavors. The resulting wine was allowed to develop on light yeast lees and then carefully prepared for bottling in November 2003.

KOTARE

The New Zealand Kingfisher (*Halcyon Sancta*) is a sub species unique to New Zealand. Common throughout the country it is often seen perched on overhead wires near rivers and creeks. Gibsons Creek, running throughout the Riversleigh Estate, provides the perfect habitat for these distinctive native birds. Grand Vin – is a super special selection from vines voluntarily kept back to tiny yields, late harvested and aged in new oak