

ASTROLABE AWATERE VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

2017 VINTAGE



90 points "OUTSTANDING"

"Savoury, stony, grassy and fruity with aromas and flavours of pineapple and peach, red apple and sweet citrus. A steely mineral note adds depth. Juicy and fleshy texture with salivating acidity. Very nice example, balanced and well-made. Drink now and through 2021." December, 2017

Cameron Douglas Master Sommelier

4 stars "EXCELLENT QUALITY"



SILVER

"A very typical sub-regional style, the 2017 vintage (4*) is fresh, aromatic and strongly herbaceous, with a slightly mineral streak, good flavour intensity and a crisp, fully dry (1.8 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish." 2018 Edition

Michael Cooper New Zealand Wines: Michael Cooper's Buyers Guide

90 points "OUTSTANDING"

Wine Spectator

"Toasted herb, saline and lemongrass flavors complement the core of pear and papaya, with a smooth texture and a long, expressive finish.

Drink now. 1,680 cases made." June 15th, 2018

MaryAnn Worobiec Wine Spectator

2016 VINTAGE

95 points "TRULY EXCELLENT"



GOLD "TOP RANK"

"Typically grassy Awatere Valley sauvignon blanc, with classic tomato leaf, nettle, chalky mineral and capsicum flavours. Nicely weighted wine with a dry, but not austere, texture. Impressive concentration and length." October 26th, 2016

Bob Campbell Master of Wine

95 points "OUTSTANDING"



TOP 12 NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANC WINES

"The 10 vintages of this wine tasted since 2007 have averaged a near-gold score of 94.8 points, an outstanding achievement that probably makes it my top sauvignon blanc label. It helps that I particularly like the wine's consistently tangy, cool-climate style that gives a nod in the direction of Sancerre. It has classic tomato leaf, nettle, chalky mineral and capsicum flavours. Nicely weighted wine with a dry, but not austere texture. Impressive concentration and length." Feb/Mar, 2017

Bob Campbell Gourmet Traveller Wine

92 points "OUTSTANDING"

Wine Spectator

"Vibrant and mouthwatering, with generous flavors of Key lime pie, fleshy green papaya and savory roasted herb. Focused and intense on the long, refreshing finish."

June 15th, 2017

MaryAnn Worobiec Wine Spectator

90 points "OUTSTANDING"



"The 2016 Valleys Awatere Valley Sauvignon Blanc has the classic Awatere herbal-led nose with delicate underlying notes of lemongrass, lime leaves and yuzu. The light-bodied palate is dry and refreshing with great intensity and an earthy/mineral finish." December 31st, 2016

Lisa Perotti-Brown Robert Parker

TROPHY

Six Nations Wine Challenge 2017

