

RIMAPERE  
2021  
MARLBOROUGH



*Baron Benjamin de Rothschild had the real desire to create his own sauvignon blanc. He purchased around 24 hectares of vineyard, ideally situated on the prestigious Rapaura Road, in the heart of the Marlborough region of New Zealand. This area's cool climate is perfect for ripening high quality Sauvignon Blanc grapes and providing them with their typical lemon and grapefruit flavours, together with crisp acidity. The wines come from a single vineyard named Rimapere, meaning "five arrows" in Maori and simultaneously honours the Rothschild's family coat of arms (five arrows symbolising the five sons of dynasty founder Mayer Amschel Rothschild) and traditional New Zealand culture...*

THE VINEYARD AREA : 24 ha  
BLEND : 100% sauvignon blanc  
ALCOHOL : 13 %





#### THE VINEYARD

SOIL TYPE: Rapaura Series, Stony Soil free draining, with a small Silty top layer  
AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES: 18 years  
VINE DENSITY: 2 220 vines/ha  
GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Sauvignon blanc  
PRUNING: Cane pruned (Guyot type)  
VINE MANAGEMENT: Grass cover between the rows  
HARVEST: Mechanical picking  
HARVEST PERIOD: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### THE WINE

WINEMAKING: Gentle pneumatic pressing, cold settling, fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for 3 weeks (11 to 18°C)  
AGEING: Stainless steel vats  
AGEING DURATION: 5 months  
PRODUCTION: 130 000 bottles

#### TASTING COMMENTS

-  Pale straw with sparks of gold
-  Lifted citrus, with clear grapefruits and ripe lemon notes; subtle white flowers perfume and a nice minerality in finale.
-  Elegant structure with a good concentration and a ripe acid line that enhance the persistence. Bright citrus flavour : lemon, pink grapefruit, some nice aromatics notes from the passion fruit.
-  1 to 3 years.

#### FOOD & WINE PAIRINGS

*Can be enjoyed on its own as an aperitif or with a carpaccio of scallops*

**The sommelier's choice** : Breton lobster and Rimapere Sauvignon Blanc, two products that are geographically opposed but very similar in taste. This pairing will offer an exhilarating balance and aromatic subtlety.

