

**HAWKSHEAD**  
GIBBSTON VALLEY  
CENTRAL OTAGO



## Hawkshead Sauvignon Blanc 2009

### Sub-region

Alpine Wairau Valley, Marlborough

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### Vineyard

The small 2009 crop is from the Te Puke Iti vineyard, the highest vineyard in the Wairau Valley (260 metres above sea level). The vines thrive in free draining, rich gravel and stony soils. Water sourced from the upper reaches of the Wairau River. This wine is a single vineyard wine from the newest sub-region of Marlborough and purity is its essence. The alpine characteristics of the valley are a match with Otago origins.

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### Tasting note

**PALATE** This is a pale straw finely textured wine, fresh and full bodied, and excellent delicacy and depth. Flavours of ripe gooseberry, pink grapefruit and white currant with a soft rounded finish.

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### Comments

2009 will be remembered as a great Sauvignon BLanc vintage in Marlborough. Harvets conditions were characterised by very cool nights and warm days accumulating intense flavours and natural acidity. The 2009 crop was hand harvested March 27.

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### Technical

Brix 21.9 PH 3.23 TA 11g/L Res/Sugar 3.4 g/L Al 13%

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**Winemaker** Jules Taylor

**Viticulturist** Steve Meckiff