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## Cape Campbell Wines Limited Edition Sauvignon Blanc 2006



### Product Information:

Appellation:	Marlborough, New Zealand
Vineyards:	Cable Station & Kernick
Clone:	M S
Harvest Date:	03/18/2006 & 03/20/2006
Brix at Harvest:	21.7
Residual Sugar:	4.1 g/L
pH:	3.48
T.A:	8.3 g/L
Bottling Date:	05/31/2006
Alcohol:	13.3%
Closure:	Stelvin
Winemaker:	Matt Thomson & Fiona Turner

### Winemaker Notes:

The spring and summer of the 2006 vintage was warm with settled weather. The autumn days were long and hot with cooler temperatures at night. First-crop, handpicked Sauvignon Blanc from the home block of Cape Campbell was harvested on a cool autumn morning. This fruit showed exceptional mineral and citrus freshness and vibrancy. The older vines from the Kernick vineyard in Rapaura was harvested two days later with the fruit having more intense tropical notes. The two batches were kept separate and both underwent cool fermentation with select yeasts. When both batches were almost dry, the two components were tasted for blending. Both offer unique yet very complementary and appealing characters. The title Reserve is only given when outstanding fruit is made into an exceptional wine.

### Tasting Notes:

Aromas of honeydew melon and a soft almost floral delicacy of crushed herb follow through into the palate. The well-balanced characters of the tropical passionfruit are a perfect combination to the almost salty mineral herbal notes. This is a full-bodied, seductive Sauvignon Blanc with both a lovely mouth-feel and a lingering finish.

### Awards:

Silver, New Zealand International Wine Show (2006)  
Silver, Liqueurland Top 100 Wine Competition (2006)

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## **Supplier Information:**

Cape Campbell Wines is owned and operated by Murray and Daphne Brown, who were farmers that moved north to Marlborough from the southern part of New Zealand's South Island in 1979. Through discussions with landowners and other grapegrowing pioneers, they planted some of the first grapes in the region on the stony Rapaura soils. Since then Murray and Daphne have continued to grow grapes and founded the highly regarded Cairnbrae wine label and a very successful Cellar Door and restaurant. Never to sit still the Browns sold the Rapaura vineyard and label and formed Cape Campbell Wines in 2000.

Requiring more land Murray saw the potential for grape growing in the arid landscape of the Blind River area on Cable Station Road, south of Seddon and the Awatere Valley. The only hindrance was the lack of water (an annual rainfall of just 400mm compared to the Wairau Valley's 850mm). The Blind River Irrigation Scheme was thus formed by the Browns and some innovative neighbours, and a five acre dam was created for the vineyard and local flora and fauna. The scheme has the capacity to irrigate over 1000 hectares of land, including an amazing 400 hectares of grapes planted since the Cable Station vineyard was planted. Still considered one of the early pioneers the Browns have proved they are still innovators in grape growing and wine producing.

Cape Campbell is proud to also have five long-term contract growers supplying grapes to the company. This allows the winemaking team to have various blending options from the unique characteristics of the different vineyards. Winemaking is handled by the highly acclaimed Kiwi-Oeno consultancy team, headed by Matt Thomson, who has become one of New Zealand's leading winemakers.

The company specialises in Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, and Pinot Noir with 'Limited Edition Reserve' wines made when exceptional grapes and wines are produced. Cape Campbell is sold in New Zealand and around the world. Recent success includes winning the International Chardonnay Trophy and New Zealand Chardonnay Trophy at the International Wine Challenge in London. Cape Campbell believes there is an equal share of craft, skill and innovation involved in their vineyards, winery, and marketing, and that this creates unique wines with intensity and style to be discovered and enjoyed almost anytime.

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