

CHASING VENUS

SAUVIGNON BLANC

MARLBOROUGH
PRODUCT OF NEW ZEALAND

Appellation: Marlborough, New Zealand

Vineyards: Comely Bank 58%, McLean 42%

Alcohol: 12.5% **TA:** .715 g/100mL

pH: 3.57 **RS:** .32g/100mL

Production: 10,200 cases

The Wine

The incredibly aromatic 2017 Chasing Venus is a classic New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. This wine is produced from grapes grown on small family farms in the acclaimed Marlborough appellation. The McLean vineyard is located in the heart of Marlborough where the free-draining alluvial soils contribute the tropical and ripe green aromas, while the Comely Bank is all about zest. The 2017 is a lovely pale straw color with intoxicating aromas of citrus and passion fruit. Vibrant, mouthwatering flavors of grapefruit, pineapple and lime zest fill the palate. Nice minerality on the refreshingly long finish. This Sauvignon Blanc is great on its own as an aperitif or paired with oysters, sushi, gazpacho or spicy Thai chicken noodles.

The Story

In 1769, Captain Cook took command of the HMS Endeavor, setting sail for the Pacific to study the passage of the planet Venus across the disc of the Sun. Little did the world know, this was a ruse for Cook's true objective: He'd been commissioned by the British to find the mysterious and elusive "Southern Continent." On this voyage, Cook became the first European to explore New Zealand, and he did eventually find Australia. Quite the accomplishment for a captain who was just out Chasing Venus.

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