

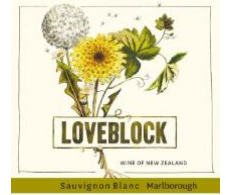
Australian/New Zealand Female Winemakers Tasting
Sunday, August 23 at 5:00pm
Zoom meeting # 846 121 79830

#1

Loveblock Sauvignon Blanc, 2019
Marlborough, New Zealand

Rating – WS 90
13.0%

Peach, pear and citrus flavors are plump and juicy, with a thread of floral details and whiffs of lemongrass and dried mango on the finish. Drink now (WS). Pairs well with oysters, seafood, spaghetti alle vongole and chicken. Estate Grown. Sustainably Farmed. Vegan.



#2

Jules Taylor, Sauvignon Blanc, 2019
Marlborough, New Zealand

Rating – RP 91, WW 91
13.5%

Blending fruit from several subregions has given the 2019 Sauvignon Blanc a lovely balance of herbal and fruity characters, with notes ranging from jalapeño and grassiness to stone fruit, passion fruit and citrus. It's medium to full-bodied, with excellent concentration and some real length, a rare treat to find in a classic Marlborough bottling these days (RP). Pair with fish, oysters, risotto.



#3

Invivo X by Sarah Jessica Parker, Sauvignon Blanc, 2019
Marlborough, New Zealand

Rating – WW 90, WS 90
13%

This wine is fresh, smooth, and layered on the palate. Its stylish aromas and flavors of grapefruit peel and tropical fruits coupled with its easy-drinking aftertaste should pair it well with light appetizers or a glass of wine by itself (WW). Check out this YouTube wine tasting with Jessica Parker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM1WUPEeB0o>

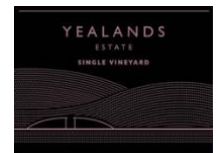


#4

Yealands Estate Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2016
Marlborough, New Zealand

Rating – RP 90, D 90, WS 90
14%

Drawn from the estate's Awatere plantings of Dijon clones, the 2016 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir is a medium-bodied, supple wine with attractive aromas of black cherries and cola. Creamy on the mid-palate, it finishes long and silky (RP).

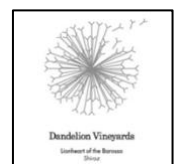


#5

Dandelion Vineyards Lionheart of the Barossa Shiraz, 2017
Barossa Valley, Barossa, South Australia, Australia

Rating – JS 91
14.5%

Lifted blue fruits, blood plum, ripe blackberries and Christmas pudding-like spice flow out of the glass with spicy pepper, and hints of bramble and dark chocolate. Generous mouth filling sweet blackberry, raspberry and plums cover the palate with lashings of sweet spice. Firm but fine tannins and dark chocolaty nuances continue throughout the lengthy palate with youthful finish. Pair with beef, lamb, game or chocolate.



#6

Penley Estate Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon, 2018
Coonawarra, South Australia, Australia

Rating – JS 91, WS 91, RP 90
14.0%

Firm, with savory details of loam and toasted herbs adding bass notes to the dense and muscular body of cassis, wild blackberry and plum flavors. Black tea, pepper and spice details linger on the finish. Drink now through 2035 (WS).



Wine Facts

New Zealand is primarily known for its sauvignon blanc wines. There are 7 main regions: *Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, Gisborne, Marlborough, Nelson, Canterbury/Waipara,* and *Central Otago* (see map). Also grown in these cool climates are Pinot Gris and Riesling. The cool climates of these NZ regions makes the wines have higher acidity, tart and citrus tastes, lighter body and lower alcohol content – this is because the fruit does not ripen and produce as much sugar as in warmer climates with more sunshine and heat.

New Zealand Female Winemakers

Kim Crawford and his wife Erica built the name brand focusing on a niche American market for their New Zealand sauvignon blanc. In 2003, they sold their brand to Vincor (a Canadian Corp) and then in 2006, the international giant, Constellation Brands, bought Vincor. Kim and Erica stayed on at Constellation Brands for a few years and with the \$50 million they got from the sale of their brand they decided to begin again. After waiting out the 10-year non-competition clause, they started producing wines under their new label “*Loveblock*”. They now own 215 hectares in Marlborough’s Awatere Valley focusing on Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris, produced a sustainable, organic way.



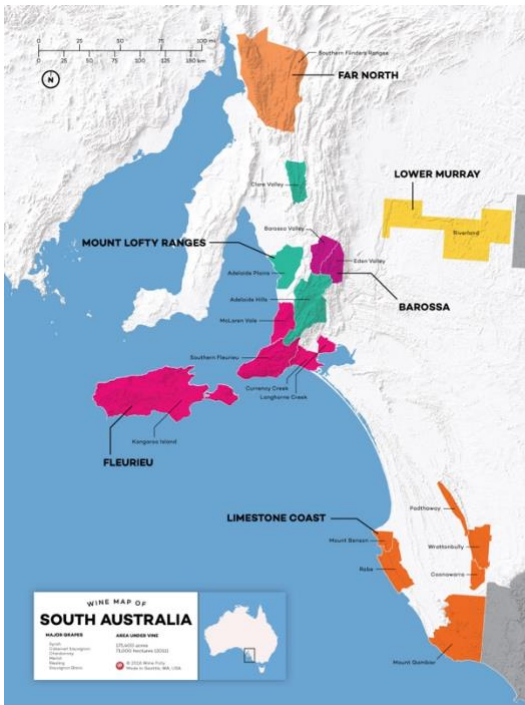
Jules Taylor was the former head winemaker at Kim Crawford. In 2008, she left the company to focus on her own brand bearing her name. Her wines have received many awards and in 2013, Jules Taylor Wines was named as the New Zealand Wine Producer of the Year by the International Wine and Spirits Competition.

Sarah Jessica Parker collaborated with *Invivo Wines* of New Zealand to launch *Invivo X, Sauvignon Blanc*. The wine was an instant hit and has sold nearly 500K bottles world-wide. The SJP branding helped push the wine’s recognition and it has won several awards including GOLD medal at the New Zealand International Wine Show.

Natalie Christensen is *Yealands Wines* Chief Winemaker. The winery focuses on sustainable growing and wine production, is the first certified carbon neutral winery in NZ, and it also makes a low-alcohol sauvignon blanc for its health-conscious consumers. Yealands Wines won the Wine Producer of the Year in 2014 in the International Wine and Spirits Competition.

Australia is further north than New Zealand and therefore warmer (remember these countries are in the southern hemisphere, with opposite seasons from us). Australia is known for its Shiraz and also Chardonnay, which accounts for nearly 50% of the total wine output. The largest wine growing area is South Australia, with 18 different wine region, of which *Barossa Valley* and *Coonawarra* are in the top five as producers. Interesting

fact: Barossa Valley has the oldest living grape vines in the world because the country never suffered from the phylloxera plague that killed off most of the vines in Europe in the mid-1800s.



Australian Female Winemakers

Elena Brooks is the Chief Winemaker and CEO of *Dandelion Vineyards*, the wine company she created, controls and catapulted into critical acclaim worldwide in just 10 released vintages. Dandelion Vineyards is located in Barossa Valley.

Kate Goodman, a former biomedical science student, rose from cellar hand at some of Australia's most iconic wineries to owner of her own label, *Goodman Wines*, in Yarra Valley, Australia, She's also chief winemaker of *Penley Estate* in Coonawarra, South Australia, a brand she turned around in just three years.