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## **The Ned Sauvignon Blanc 2010 named *Cuisine's* No. 1**

Marisco Vineyards is today celebrating *The Ned Sauvignon Blanc 2010* being named New Zealand's best Sauvignon Blanc in *Cuisine* magazine annual tasting. The tasting for the January issue included 228 Sauvignon Blanc's of which only 24 received four stars or more. All but one of the wines tasted were from Marlborough.

The Ned founder and chief winemaker Brent Marris says the award is such an honour because Sauvignon Blanc is the backbone of the brand.

"We believe all of our wines are special but being a Marlborough based winery our Sauvignon Blanc is our heart," says Marris.

"The 2010 vintage is easily the best of the last five years. Weather conditions were excellent with a long Indian summer and we timed harvest absolutely perfectly. As a result we had the fruit to develop an exuberant wine, showing vibrant flavours of citrus and nettle with our trademark minerality.

"Our single-vineyard 2010 Sauvignon Blanc is absolutely true to the vineyard and it means a lot to have this recognised," he says.

The *Cuisine* tasting notes read:

"Crisp and fresh with attractive citrus flavours and keen green notes, our top wine was the apple of many a palate on the panel. "It's like biting into a Granny Smith," thought John Belsham. A slaty texture and a well-honed acidic edge impressed Gary Baldwin: "It's not green acidity... it's joyful and crunchy." This classy sauvignon would be the perfect foil for creamy, fleshy Clevedon oysters."

The Ned Sauvignon Blanc 2010 retails for \$20 and is available from all good wine retailers and all leading supermarkets.

The January issue of *Cuisine* goes on sale on Monday (20 December).

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