



2002
GŪSTO
Sauvignon Blanc
Marlborough, New Zealand

In the 2002 vintage, Guy Davis crushed Sauvignon Blanc grapes from two of Marlborough's three sub-appellations, Brancott and Rapaura. Brancott is the cooler of the two districts, and the grapes here offer the characteristic grassy aromas and crisp acidity that Sauvignon-lovers expect from the variety. Grapes harvested from the slightly warmer Rapaura district generate wonderful grapefruit flavors and the passion fruit aromas and flavors that have made Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc a delicious and unique wine. The Rapaura grapes also achieve higher sugar levels at maturity, producing a wine with richer texture and weight. The two lots are stainless-steel fermented separately at very low temperatures, then blended just prior to bottling to achieve the perfect expression of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

The wine is distinctly marked by flavors and aromas of both passion fruit and fresh-mowed grass. It is bold without being considered aggressive. It has significant body and complexity, and it speaks of the very essence of Sauvignon Blanc. It can be enjoyed immediately or over the next few years.

This is the third vintage of Gusto Sauvignon Blanc.

About Gusto International – Big World, Small Vineyards

Gusto International was pioneered by **Guy Davis** in 1998. Guy Davis is owner, viticulturist and winemaker at **Davis Family Vineyards**. The drive behind Gusto International stems from Guy's love of the flavors and diversity of wines produced in the world's greatest wine regions--wines with distinctive varietal and local character. Guy grows and vinifies Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah and 106-year-old Zinfandel in Sonoma's Russian River Valley and produces Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley (all under the Davis Family Vineyards label) because he feels those are world-class areas for growing those grape varieties.

In 1998, Guy came upon the idea that rather than try to produce a wide array of different varietals all in California, he preferred to make wines "locally". Guy has sought out some of the top grape growers in different regions around the globe--places where specific each grape varieties express their unique, local character.

Guy's first international love affair was with the Malbec grapes he encountered while visiting the high-elevation vineyards in Mendoza, Argentina. He now makes one rich, Malbec-based wine from Mendoza every year which he calls **Gusto Vita** (or "Taste Life"). Gusto is the Spanish word for "taste" or "pleasure", and it is also the nickname given to Guy by his Spanish speaking vineyard workers in California. The name started as Gustavo, a proper Spanish name, but once his helpers saw his affinity for food, wine and good times, it became "Gusto".

These are special wines—born from perfectly grown grapes from special places, with just the right techniques to elicit that special sense of "thereness".