

## **TUATARA BAY, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND** **PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY SAINT CLAIR ESTATE**

When the oceans in the heavens became too warm then Mango (the shark), and Tuatara (the great lizard) came down to earth in search of cooler waters. It was then that Mango said to Tuatara, “*Let us reside on land*”.

They argued at length until Mango said to Tuatara: “*Very well, remain on land to be loathed by all*”.

Tuatara replied: “*That will give me distinction, and I will thrive, but you will be hauled up with a hook in your mouth, cast into a canoe, and pounded with a fernroot- pounding mallet, after which you will be hung to dry like a wet rag*”.

### **“Maori Religion and mythology” Eldson Best.**

The almost extinct Tuatara, cousin of the dinosaur, is still to be found on Stephens Island in the Marlborough Sound, not far from Saint Clair’s vineyards, and gives its name to a pair of their fruit driven Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines which are ideal for serving by the glass.



### **TUATARA BAY MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC**

Grapes: 100% Sauvignon grapes from Wairau and Awatere Valley vineyards of Marlborough

Vinification: In temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

Colour: Green with straw tinges

Serve: Chilled as an aperitif or to accompany seafood, white meats and light pasta dishes.

Taste: A well rounded and fresh wine with a delicate aroma of sweet honeysuckle, tropical fruits and a subtle hint of herbs. An ideal wine to be served by the glass.