VILLA MARIA – NEW ZEALAND – SAUVIGNON BLANC – MARLBOROUGH – PRIVATE BIN – PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY VILLA MARIA ESTATE LTD. – AUCKLAND – NEW ZEALAND – 13% 2012

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COLOUR: straw yellow with silverfish reflexes

FLAVOURS: grapefruit, wet grass, lemon peel, yellow flowers, vanilla, talc, pastry cream and tomato leaf

TASTE: good salivation and splendid softness; excellent structure and the final is green pepper flavoured; the gustative persistency is about 5 seconds

PAIRING: sole paupiettes with beurre blanc <u>download the recipe</u>

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- The salivation cuts through the fatness of the fish
- The aromatic quality given by the presence of aromatic herbs is counterbalancing the aroma of the olfactory bouquet
- The structure of the recipe is matching to the structure of the wine
- The gustative persistence of the meat is pairing with the aromatic persistence of the wine