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## FOXES ISLAND

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### Vineyard:

Belsham Awatere Estate

The fruit was exclusively grown on the Belsham Awatere Estate. Densely planted, the vine yields are minimised and the fruit is meticulously hand tended.

### Region:

Awatere Valley  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### Winemaker:

John Belsham

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### Winemaking:

Harvested around 23°Brix, the fruit was chilled, whole bunch pressed and held in tank overnight. The juice was then transferred to a combination of small and large format French oak barrels for fermentation by indigenous yeast. Fermentation took 10 months to complete. The wine was then blended and prepared for bottling.

### Technical Details:

Bottling Date	March 2010
Total Acidity	6.0 g/L
pH	3.52
Residual Sugar	2.7 g/L
Alcohol	13.5%

### Tasting Note:

Ample layers of toasty brioche, apricot and green mango with a hint of butterscotch are finely supported by a bright acidity and long finish. The wine will nicely age for several years. 185 cases produced.