



# WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



## RESERVE BOTRYTISED RIESLING 2022

### TASTING NOTES

Intensely concentrated luscious flavours stack the palate of this wine. The botrytis concentration is classic, defined by a honeyed toastiness that mingles with the fruit derived marmalade and dried apricot characters. A remarkable wine that will endure and evolve over many years of cellaring.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

After a lower yielding 2021 vintage, Marlborough was blessed with outstanding weather in December providing near perfect flowering conditions and a subsequent great fruit set. This translated into an increased number of berries per bunch, and helped offset the slightly lower than average bunch numbers which was a result of the cooler weather we experienced during flowering in 2020. The great weather conditions continued through January with above average daily temperatures and sunshine hours, punctuated by timely periods of rainfall. This ensured optimal soil water status giving great canopy development and health. Initially it looked like an early start to harvest but then we saw periods with cooler temperatures and increased rainfall in late January and early February. This slowed development and extended the ripening period with harvest commencing in the 3rd week of March and concluding at the end of April. The extended ripening period has led to wines with great balance and poise ensuring some outstanding components to go into this years' blends.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes for this wine were hand-picked on Wairau River's Rapaura vineyard next to the winery. This site has a habit of delivering intensely sweet and flavoured fruit exhibiting pure botrytis characters in special years. After careful selection and delicate pressing the juice was transferred to seasoned French oak barriques and stainless steel for fermentation.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Honey



Dried Apricot



Marmalade

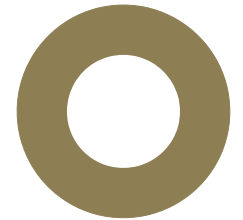


Passionfruit



## VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Rapaura



## TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 19 April 2022

Alc	10%
RS	164.1/L
TA	10.9g/L
pH	3.58



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