

WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



SUMMER RIESLING 2023

TASTING NOTES

Sourced exclusively from our Rapaura vineyard, this off dry Riesling displays bright floral aromatics on the nose, paired with notes golden apple and citrus. The palate is refreshingly crisp, with intense flavours of white peach and lemon sorbet balanced by fine mineral acidity and a touch of residual sweetness.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Warm settled weather in spring and early summer provided great conditions for flowering and fruit set, resulting in yields more aligned with the long-term average than in previous vintages.





The classic dry windy weather Marlborough normally experiences throughout summer was this year replaced with extended periods of cloud cover and rainfall, causing some initial concern from the viticulture and winemaking teams, however once ripening commenced the weather settled and remained fine and windy throughout harvest.

The increased soil moisture ultimately resulted in excellent canopy development and overall vine health, alleviating any initial disease concerns, and the reduced sunshine hours and cooler daily temperatures helped slow and extend the ripening period resulting in wines of intense concentration and poise. Harvesting progressed smoothly with the favourable weather conditions allowing the winemakers to hang the bunches out on the vine to achieve optimum ripeness, with picking commencing in the 3rd week of March and completed before the end of April.

VINIFICATION

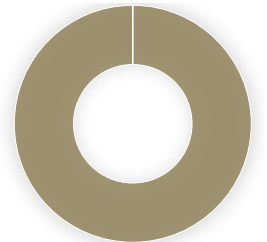
The grapes were hand harvested in the cool hours of the morning, followed by gentle whole bunch pressing to extract only the finest free run juice. Fermented at cool temperatures in small volume stainless steel vessels to retain the delicate floral aromatics and bright acidity, the tanks were chilled to arrest the fermentation early and achieve the perfect residual sugar and acid balance. The wine was kept on light lees for an extended period to help build texture and complexity on the palate, followed by finishing and bottling on the Wairau River estate.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

Floral		Apple	
White Peach		Lemon Sorbet	

VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Rapaura



TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested from 3 - 4 April 2023

Alc	9.5%
RS	38.5g/L
TA	9.0g/L
pH	2.99

