



FORREST

BOTRYTISED
RIESLING
2016



Harvest Dates
10th of May
6th of June
 Brix at Harvest
32 average
 Analysis at Bottling
 pH **3.45**
 T.A. **7.8g/l**
 Residual Sugar **147g/l**
 Alcohol **10.5%**
 Viticultural Practice
 Plant Density:
2.8 x 1.5m
 Trellis System:
2 cane Vertically Shoot
Positioned Trellis
 Canopy Management:
Trimmed x2
Leaf Plucking x 1
 Yield: **4.4 tonne/ha**

WINEMAKER'S VINTAGE REPORT

Vintage 2016 in Marlborough proved both kindly and abundant for the grape grower. Ideal growing conditions throughout the summer were followed by a dry, sunny and temperate Autumn, through to an early April harvest.

This was indeed fortunate, as Marlborough, some what surprisingly, experience a very abundant vintage. What surprised us was that final crop weights (ton/Ha) were up not because of excess of berries per bunch; but rather the final size, each berry grew too!

The ideal Autumn conditions allowed for a leisurely harvest, determined by the flavour development of each variety in our different vineyards.

BOTRYTISED RIESLING PROFILE

Our Botrytised Riesling is drawn from three vineyards located within the Wairau Valley. Two are on geologically young, stoney, free-draining gravels close to the river; producing intense citrus aromas and pristine crisp acidity. The third, within the Brancott Valley, lies on geologically older soils, crushed stones with a portion of clay which gives the fruit flavours of stone fruit and Asian spice, softer acidity and tremendous mouth texture. Harvest occurs 4-8 weeks after normal physiological ripeness and the varying degree of botrytised berries per bunch, usually around 40-90%. All fruit is hand selected, slowly pressed, cool fermented, cold settled, blended, fined and filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

It's got the backbone of a great Riesling, glorious gold glint, orange marmalade, apricot and toffee aromas, sweet opulent palate and a clean lingering finish – perfection!. Full unctuous mouthfeel, perfectly balanced with crisp, fresh acidity.

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