

Marlborough RIESLING 2018

WINE FACTS

Vineyard: Wiffen Family Estate

Harvest Info: Machine Harvested

Brix at Harvest: 21.5

pH Bottled Wine: 2.98

Residual Sugar: 16g/L

Alcohol: 11.9%

WINE AWARDS

5 Stars ~ Raymond Chan 5 Stars ~ Wine Orbit

WINEMAKING

Westbrook is a boutique winery which has successfully combined four decades of traditional wine-making methods and complemented those processes with the best of modern technology. This winning combination has resulted in an adventuresome wine style that showcases the incredible depth and diversity of New Zealand's grape-growing regions, winning Westbrook Winery hundreds of accolades as well as a host of gold medals, trophies and awards for its outstanding wines.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine was produced from a single vineyard block owned by the Wiffen family in the Southern Valleys sub-region of Marlborough's Wairau Valley. Strict vineyard management by the skilful Melissa Tripe produces low crops of intensely flavoured grapes. Acid and fruit flavour balance are of the utmost importance, and have consistently produced top class wines.

Good flowering led to a fair sized crop that required thinning. This was done pre-veraison, as was a hand leaf pluck to open the fruit zone. This proved fortuitous as the effects of late season showers were dried easily allowing great flavour development and magnificent acid/pH balance.

Juice fractions are separately fined before combination. Stainless steel fermentation ensues with breakdown to many small tanks so that a variety of yeast strain/block permutations can be performed. Final blend is based on taste balance. Fined with isinglass (no fining statement required). Contains sulphites.

TASTING NOTES

Temptress Riesling...pampered fruit gilded in aromas of tangerine, ginger, elder and honeysuckle florals. An off-dry, yet unctuous palate of preserved lemon and fulsomely ripe summer stone fruits is steeled with lacy acidity. A ménage of citrus oils pervades all — a delectable stolen moment indeed...

