



# RIESLING 2013



Region  
Marlborough  
Harvest Dates  
22nd March -  
7th April  
Brix at Harvest  
17.5 - 18.9  
Analysis at Bottling  
pH 2.95  
T.A. 8.9g/l  
RS 33g/l  
Alcohol 8.5%  
Viticultural Practice  
VSP Two canes  
(2.7 x 1.5m density)  
Shoot thinned x 1  
Crop thinned x 1  
Leaf Plucked x 1  
Yield:  
8 tonne/ha

## WINEMAKER'S VINTAGE REPORT

Vintage 2013 reminded me very much of vintage 2011 – a mild temperate summer with regular small amounts of rain, which resulted in healthy vines with active green leaves through to a slightly (5-7 days) earlier harvest.

Unlike 2011, crop levels were not excessive, coming in exactly on estimate at 6-10 tonne/ha, depending on varietal. This was due to the relatively low per vine bunch number, determined by poor flowering conditions in the previous 2012 vintage, which counter-balanced the higher berry number per bunch and individual berry size due to ideal growth conditions.

So, overall a very good quality vintage, viticulturally straight forward, with ideal conditions weather wise over the 3 week harvest period.

## THE DOCTORS' RIESLING PROFILE

With cult status in the New Zealand wine scene, The Doctors' Riesling continues to amaze wine critics and delight novices alike. Grown on our stony Condors Bend vineyard at Renwick, the fruit ripens slowly in Marlborough's cool dry autumn climate, gaining flavour intensity yet retaining all important acidity. Harvested early at low sugars, the grapes were gently pressed, cold settled and given a cool slow fermentation which was arrested around 8.5% alcohol and 29 g/l residual sugar. The final decision on when to stop the wine fermentation is very much decided on acid/sugar balance.

## TASTING NOTES

Wow! It's like biting into a deliciously crisp Granny Smith apple, licking lime sherbet and eating your first of the season Central Otago apricot, all at one time! The 2013 Doctors' Riesling is simply stunning, oh so easy to drink and with the perfect balance of fruit sweetness and fresh acidity at a modest 8.5% alcohol who feels guilty having a second glass? It's firmly established as one of New Zealand's favorite Rieslings; outselling any of our other, very fine, Rieslings ten to one. So chill a bottle and see for yourself what thousands of Kiwis are enjoying!

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