

te Pā Marlborough Riesling 2021

Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety

100% Riesling

Vineyard

Wiffen Omaka North Vineyard, Central Wairau Valley, Marlborough.

Wine Analysis

Alc. 12.5%

R.S 12 g/L

pH 2.87

TA 8.5

Vineyard

The Omaka North Vineyard is situated on the Southern side of the Wairau Valley. The soils are free-draining silt loams. The cool nights and warm days from this part of the valley allow the Riesling to gain ripeness, whilst retaining freshness and acidity.

Winemaking

The fruit was carefully hand-picked on the 29th of March, transported to the winery and immediately tipped without crushing / destemming into a press and pressed gently for a couple of hours. A press cut was made at 500L/T with this 'free run' portion used exclusively for this wine.

The juice was cold settled, racked then fermented in a temperature controlled stainless steel tank.

The ferment was stopped by hard cooling at 12g/L RS. This wine possesses a tight linear acidity, and some natural sugar was required to balance the crisp acid.

Tasting note

te Pā Riesling is made in a dry / off dry style. It possesses a lovely bouquet of citrus blossom, mandarin peel, honey suckle and ginger.

The palate is concentrated and pure fruited with green apple and citrus characters supported by lemongrass and ginger spice. Limey acidity leaves a crisp drying finish. Serve chilled with oysters, kina or Cloudy Bay clams.

Vintage summary

The resounding theme of the 2021 vintage was the low yield and the outstanding quality of the fruit harvested.

The growing season was warm and compressed, with early season frosts leading into cold and unsettled weather at flowering. The resulting bunches were small with low berry counts, which decreased yields but added greatly to the concentration of the wines. Post-flowering the growing season was warm and settled, with just enough early season rain to keep the canopies green and healthy.

The grapes were harvested in pristine conditional at optimal ripeness and the resulting wines display great fruit purity and generosity.

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- 95 Points & 5 Stars, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

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