



2004 Waipara Riesling

Vineyards

- Grapes are from the Rayner & McKenzie Vineyards in Waipara, close to the winery
- Latitude is 43° South.
- Soils range from heavier clay loams on gently undulating terrain, to the free draining terrace sites.
- Average vine age varies from 7 to 25 years.

Wine Making

- Harvested in early May, 2004
- Harvest brix ranged from 20 to 23 Brix
- Grapes were machine harvested
- Pressing was followed by cold settling then racking
- Fermentation was in stainless steel, temperature controlled tanks

Bottle Details

400 cases produced
Alcohol 12.8% by volume
Residual Sugar 4.8 gm/L
Acid 7.5 gm/L

Winemaker's Comments

- All of the grapes are from two Waipara Vineyards, Maggie and Kym Rayner's Home Block and The McKenzie Vineyard's Weka Terraces.
- This Riesling has a slight sweetness, a clean lime and spicy fruit flavour, with a crisp finish. Ready for drinking now or will reward cellaring for 5-7 years.
- The different vineyards each impart their own distinctive character, fragrant fruit aromas from the lighter soils and full flavoured middle palate and finish are added by the clay soils.
- Screw top closure is used to preserve fresh fruit flavours and to allow the wine to age gracefully and reach its full potential with no bottle-to-bottle variation.

