



2005 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 free draining terrace sites.
- Average vine age varies from 10 to 20 years.

Wine Making

- Harvested in Mid-Late April, 2005
- Harvest brix ranged from 21 to 23 Brix
- Grapes were machine harvested
- Grapes were all crushed & pressed, the juice cold settled, then racked to fermentation
- Bottling thru 45 micron filter

Bottle Details

117 cases produced

Alcohol 12.5% by volume

Residual Sugar 9.0 gm/L

Acid 8.1 gm/L

Winemaker's Comments

- Riesling thrives in the Waipara climate and conditions
- All of the grapes are from two Waipara Vineyards, Maggie and Kym Rayner's Home Block and The McKenzie Vineyard's Weka Terraces
- The 2005 vintage was low cropping due to difficult flowering conditions but resulted in excellent flavours as the vines could easily ripen the small clusters
- All grapes were harvested in excellent condition at 21 – 22 Brix. The grapes have three different harvest dates to give a range of fruit flavours
- The resultant wine shows lime and spice aroma that typifies Riesling, the palate has clean fruit, made in a medium dry style with a hint of sweetness and finishes crisp and fresh
- This wine can be enjoyed young, while fresh and fruity, but will reward cellaring developing a rich complex honey-like bouquet, yet still have finesse on the palate
- This wine is of the same outstanding quality as the excellent 1991 and 1997 vintages from Waipara
- 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.



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