



2007 Waipara Riesling

Vineyards

- Waipara is a premium quality wine making region located in the South Island of New Zealand, 60 km north of Christchurch.
- The grapes are from the Rayner and McKenzie Vineyards located in Waipara at latitude 43° South, close to the winery.
- The soils vary from free draining sites of the Weka terrace to the heavier clay loams on the Waipara valley floor, all the terrain is gently undulating.
- The average age of the Riesling vines varies from 7 to 20 years.

Wine Making

- Machine Harvested at various times from late April to early May in 2007
- Harvest brix ranged from 19 to 22.5 Brix
- Pressing, then cold settling was followed by
- Fermentation in stainless steel tanks

Bottle Details

Alcohol 13.0 % by volume
Acid 8.0 gm/L [as tartaric]
Residual Sugar 9 gm/L

300 cases produced

Kym Rayner - Winemaker's Comments

- The grapes are from four different vineyard sites that give a range of ripeness and hence different flavours
- The different vineyards each impart their own distinctive character, the structure of the wine reflects the soil type, the heavier soils provide body and structure, the lighter soils add fresh aromatics and a hint of mineral character.
- This wine represents the best expression of fruit driven flavours from the excellent 2007 vintage. It shows ripe lime citrus flavours contrasted with fresh granny smith apple and hints of mineral characters. The wine has medium-dry residual sweetness well balanced by the crisp acidity to finish clean and fresh. This wine is perfect drinking now while young, but will reward cellaring for up to 10 years. Enjoy with chicken, pork or seafood dishes.
- 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.

