

Felton Road • Riesling • 1997 • Bannockburn • Central Otago

Vintage

Riesling from the steeper north facing Block 1 was allowed to hang for a further 3 weeks in the stable Autumn weather and hand picked in mid-May. The sugar level only increased slightly but a dramatic difference in the grape flavours was noticed. More Muscat like, nectarine and dried apricot flavours predominated in the juice and the decision was made to keep it separate in the winery.

Vinification

The fermentation was stopped by chilling and racking off the lees to retain 18g/L residual sugar. The sweetness is balanced with a crisp acid and the alcohol of 11.5% allows the concentrated elegant aromas and flavours to be enjoyed without being heavy and clumsy.

Appearance

Green tinged yellow.

Bouquet

Ripe stonefruit and mineral aromas.

Palate

Intense stonefruit flavours with excellent concentration. Residual sweetness balanced by natural crisp acid.

Cellaring

With residual sweetness, firm acidity and concentrated fruit flavours, it is expected to cellar very well, 5-7 years.

Serve

Serve lightly chilled by itself as an aperitif or balance the light residual sweetness with appropriate cuisine.

Bottle Shape

Elegant antique green traditional hock bottle.