

Mt. Beautiful

NORTH CANTERBURY NZ



Flavor Profile

The Riesling is our baby, in the sense that it was the first wine we produced and launched to the public. It is a purely textural adventure, ripe with off-dry flavors of honeysuckle, linden lime, and mandarin. The citrus notes meld together with crisp minerality and finishes with a beautiful, lingering acidity. This is accomplished by gently blending together two distinct blocks of the varietal.

Winemaker Notes

Overall, 2011 was a good vintage. The fruit set was good followed by a summer with sufficient rainfall. The grapes for this Riesling were hand-picked allowing for selection of only the best grapes: we make our Riesling only from clean non Botrytised fruit. The grapes were whole-bunch pressed, with the free run and pressings kept separate. The juice was settled for 24 hours only, to retain some cloudiness in the juice, this contributes to texture and aroma. The juices were then cool fermented using aromatic yeast. The ferment was stopped when we achieved a balance of sugar and acid. The wine was aged on light yeast lees for six -months, before racking, blending and bottling.

The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Riesling with Asian cuisine, spicy dishes, seafood and a laissez-faire outlook.

For The Aficionado

Planted 2005
2 blocks
2.63 hectares
10570 vines
@2.4 x1.05

The Riesling is planted on the higher elevated Southern section of the vineyard bordered by gullies, with the gully to the west being an established pine forest creating a warm sheltered block.

The Riesling is closely planted, and has been split into two blocks with the lower block being spur pruned and the higher larger block single cane pruned to reduce vigour and maximise flavour. Like several of our other blocks we tend and harvest this block by hand.

These plantings focus on German Geisenheim clone Gm 239, backed by clones Gm 198 and then Gm 110, which provide a classically elegant wine with mandarin, lime and lemon flavours.

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Appellation

North Canterbury

Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 11.0%
TA 7.7g/L
RS 12g/L
pH 2.95

Bottled

October 2011

Production

400 cases

