

# Tasting Notes



Lyric is the songlike quality in poetry, the pleasing succession of sounds in music, and a lyric soprano is a voice of light and unforced quality. So it's the perfect name for a wine that is pure, expressive yet restrained.

"Our dry Riesling suggests lime sherbet on the nose with a palate that is crystalline but lingers with notes of ginger, spice and freshly squeezed citrus". Olly Masters - Winemaker

## Vintage

After an early budburst, spring brought cool temperatures and unrelenting north-west winds. Flowering was slow and extended over a month resulting in small - medium sized berries accentuating the complexity of flavours. The persistent winds mean the canopy was smaller than usual but there was a good fruit set with excellent bunch conformation. In mid-January the winds subsided, temperatures increased and the hot and dry conditions continued through to early autumn resulting in a higher number of Growing Degree Days (GDDs) than 2009 and a perfect season for ripening. The Lyric Riesling was hand-picked on the 23rd April at 7.5 tonnes per hectare.

## Food Match

This dry Riesling is refreshing and perfect to enjoy just on its own but this style is also extremely versatile when it comes to food pairing and of all the white wines, this one will match the widest variety of flavours. The very best pairing options are seafood and shellfish, fruit dishes, pork, smoked meats, and anything that's a little spicy.

## Details

Region	Central Otago, New Zealand	Vineyard	Estate-grown, single vineyard
Production	343 cases	Variety/ Clones	GM 239
Planting	2005, Altitude: 290 - 315m	Harvested	23 April 2010
Harvest Analysis	Brix: 21.7 / pH: 3.14 / TA: 7.1 g/l	Bottled	23 September 2010 (Stelvin closure)
Wine Analysis	Alc: 12.5% / pH: 3.31 / TA: 7.05 g/l	Cellaring	1 - 5+ years
Residual Sugar	5 g/l	Style	Dry

## Winemaking

The hand-picked fruit was crushed and given 2 hours of skin contact then pressed to tank for settling. The majority of the juice (87%) was then racked, inoculated and cool fermented to dryness in stainless steel to retain varietal purity. The remaining portion (13%) was allowed to undergo spontaneous fermentation in older oak in order to add more complex mineral/flint characters to the wine.

## Misha's Vineyard

Misha's Vineyard is located on a spectacular site in New Zealand on the edge of Lake Dunstan in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. The sun drenched north-west facing terraces of the 57 hectare estate provide optimal conditions for producing world-class Pinot Noir and aromatic white varieties. Our 'no compromise' philosophy requires exacting viticulture regimes, hand-picking, and considerate winemaking methodologies.