

Tasting Notes



"This is a dry Riesling with a complex and intense bouquet of lemon sherbet, baked quince, freshly cut lime and mango. The palate is tight and pure with lingering lime juice acidity. Good fruit concentration shows with the wine's extended finish and weight".

Oly Masters (Winemaker)

Vintage

It was a great start to the season with hot and settled conditions which gave way to the strong winds and rains at the end of December. Over the summer through to March, rainfall was higher than usual (273mm) which was good from a canopy perspective but the damper conditions required more vigilance in the vineyard. When harvest started in early April, more settled weather returned with many warm autumn days and cool nights. Our intensive canopy and crop management program resulted in harvest volumes in line with estimates and the wines showing excellent fruit characters. This Riesling was hand-picked at a very low 3.63 tonnes per hectare and therefore has good fruit concentration and varietal flavour.

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	265 cases	Variety / Clones	GM 239, GM 110 & GM 198-19
Planting	2005/07, Altitude: 228 - 315m	Harvested	11, 13 & 20 April 2011
Harvest Analysis	Brix: 22.0 / pH: 3.1 / TA: 9.2 g/l	Bottled	4 October 2011 (Stelvin closure)
Wine Analysis	Alc: 13% / pH: 3.15 / TA: 8.2 g/l	Cellaring	1 - 5+ years
Residual Sugar	5 g/l	Style	Dry

Winemaking

The hand-picked fruit was crushed and given 2 hr skin contact then pressed to tank for settling. The majority of the juice (74%) was then racked, inoculated and cool fermented to dryness in stainless steel to retain varietal purity. The remaining portion was allowed to undergo spontaneous ferment 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.

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.