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TE WHARE RA 2021 RIESLING 'D'

SINGLE VINEYARD 5182

We love Riesling as a variety for multiple reasons but mostly for its purity, elegance and age-ability. We whole-heartedly believe that our old block vines (which are 41 yrs old this vintage), combined with the growing conditions and climate here in Marlborough, are capable of making world class Riesling.

The original Riesling vines on our home block here at the winery were planted in 1979 and are the oldest Riesling vines in Marlborough. Part of the reason for our conversion to organic and biodynamic farming was to rescue these old vines and coax them back to life. We saw huge potential in this old block and successfully rejuvenating them has been one of our greatest achievements. The fruit from these old vines has great fruit concentration and structure as well as great natural acidity that lends itself very well to making a dry style of Riesling.

Winemaking: All the grapes for this wine were hand-picked and hand-sorted. The fruit was then destemmed, gently crushed, and air-bag pressed. Some parcels given skin contact time. All parcels were fermented in stainless steel tanks that were purpose built for Riesling. We like very slow, cool ferments for the Riesling to help retain all the great floral aromatics. This wine has not been fined and is suitable for vegans and vegetarians and anyone else who loves authentic, truly hand-made wines.

Wine: This wine has gorgeous lifted aromas of jasmine, fresh lemon, and ripe Kaffir lime which follow through on to the palate. Flavours of fresh lime juice, lemon sorbet and ripe grapefruit with hints of floral spice are balanced by a fine backbone of ripe acidity. This Riesling is a dry style which has excellent fruit weight and concentration to balance the lingering mineral acid structure. This wine is finely structured with great length of flavour.

Vintage: The summer of 2021 was warm, dry and very even with no big heat spikes to push the ripening along too fast. We did not get the issues with extreme drought like we had in 2019 - so with a couple of timely rains, plus the more gentle summer conditions, that meant we had the first fruit coming into the winery late February (officially earliest ever start to harvest here!) and then we were all done by the end of March. The resultant wines have great depth of flavour and fleshiness with lovely purity of fruit, bright aromatics and ripe, juicy acidity. This 2021 Riesling 'D' is drinking well now and will also benefit from careful cellaring for 6-8+ years.

TECHNICAL DATA

Fruit Source: TWR old block (planted 1979)
Variety: Riesling
Harvest Date: 18th March 2021

Residual Sugar: Dry 3.0g/L
Production: 394 cases
Cellaring: 6-8+ years

Alc 12.2% vol

pH 3.02

TA 7.5g/L