

Wairau River Botrytised Riesling 2022



Region

Marlborough is by far New Zealand's largest grape growing region with more than two-thirds of all plantings. First planted in 1873 it is known in the region by the Maori name, Kei puta te Wairau meaning 'the place with the hole in the cloud' due to its very high 2,410 sunshine hours a year. High sunshine and a dry growing season help to create the famous intense flavours. Generally, plantings are in two main valleys of Wairau and Awatere. Much of the land is alluvial river basin with well-drained soils that provide an ideal for Sauvignon Blanc and clay slopes better suited Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

Producer

Wairau River wines take their name from the river that runs through the heart of the Marlborough wine region. (Wairau is Maori for 'many waters'). The Rose family were pioneers in planting vines in the 1970's and after originally selling the grapes to other wineries (like Cloudy Bay) they launched their own label in the early 1990's. Today their foresight has created a very successful company which remains family owned and run. Wairau River is one of the largest independent wine estates in Marlborough, and the range of elegant wines is characteristically expressive of its Marlborough roots.

Tasting Notes

Botrytis, also known as Noble Rot, is a condition that affects thin skinned grapes under certain weather conditions (requires misty mornings and sunny afternoons). It causes them to dehydrate which makes the grapes shrivel and concentrate the sugars creating sweet wines. This rich botrytis affected Riesling has an intense complex nose with aromas of honey, orange and lime marmalade. These characters translate generously onto the palate and are complemented by soft textured fruit and balancing acidity.

Food

A great combination with fruit desserts, creme brulee, caramelized fruit, ice cream and blue cheeses.

Technical Information

Country	New Zealand
Region	Marlborough
Grape(s)	Riesling (100%)
Type	White
Style	Rich
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	No

Dry/Sweet Style	Sweet	
Alcohol Content	10%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	No
	Vegan:	No



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