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**TERRA SANCTA ESTATE**  
**MIRO'S BLOCK**  
**DRY RIESLING**



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**VINTAGE:** 2017

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**APPELLATION:**  
Bannockburn, Central Otago

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**VINEYARD/BLOCK:**  
Terra Sancta Estate: Miro's Block

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**VARIETAL:**  
Riesling

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**ALCOHOL:**  
12%

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**RESIDUAL SUGAR:**  
5.3 g/l

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**pH:**  
3.16

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**TA:**  
7.70 g/l

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**CELLAR:** Natural balance from the vineyard means this wine will retain its energy, and develop some tertiary characters of honey over time. Cellar 1-7 years.

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**TASTING NOTE**

Highly fragrant with notes of apricot blossom, summer straw and sweet lime. The palate is lively and vibrant with a lovely seam of mixed lemon-lime, white peach and zucchini flower. Mouth-watering, it is clean, balanced with a crisp, racy and refreshing finish.

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**VINEYARD**

Miro's Block has only 7 rows of vines, and is unique for its terraces cut into the east side of a steep old creek bed wall in the center of the Sancta Vineyard. Each terrace was cut by hand into the schist and fine textured alluvium of Miro's Block. These Riesling vines were planted ungrafted in 1995.

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**VINTAGE**

With no manipulation in the vineyard, and no dropping of fruit, this vintage is a story of extraordinarily low yields and superb quality. Leading to this was a year of very unusual weather patterns - a warm winter, a cold spring, an early summer, very few days of intense heat, and a perfect harvest period that allowed us to hand pick unhindered by the storm conditions experienced across the rest of New Zealand. This vintage is one of incredible concentration, memorable texture and stunning purity. A Collector's Vintage. The warm and dry conditions of 2015 led to the earliest ever picking of Miro's Block Riesling on 11 April.

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**VINIFICATION**

Capturing concentration and bright acidity was paramount in making the picking decision and is evident in the finished wine. Using native yeast and cool fermentation in tank, the ferment slowed naturally and concluded at a sugar/acid balance that best showcases the purity of fruit.

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**FOOD & WINE**

Comes alive with food - an ideal accompaniment to spicy fish tacos, simple grilled fish, Caesar salad or a steamed pork belly bun.