

# te Pā Marlborough Riesling 2023

Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



# **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

#### Variety

100% Riesling

### Vineyard

Wiffen Omaka North Vineyard, Central Wairau Valley, Marlborough.

#### Wine Analysis

- Alc. 11.5%
- R.S 11 g/L
- pH 2.93
- TA 7.7g/L

#### Vineyard

The Omaka North Vineyard is situated on the Southern side of the Wairau Valley. The soils are free-draining silt loams. The cool nights and warm days from this part of the valley allow the Riesling to gain ripeness, whilst retaining freshness and acidity.

### Winemaking

The fruit was carefully hand-picked on the 5th of April, transported to the winery, and immediately tipped without crushing / destemming into a press and pressed gently for a couple of hours. A press cut was made at 500L/T with this 'free run' portion used exclusively for this wine.

The juice was cold settled, racked then fermented in a temperature controlled stainless steel tank.

The ferment was stopped by hard cooling at 11g/L RS. This wine possesses a tight linear acidity, and some natural sugar was required to balance the crisp acid.

# Tasting note

te Pa Riesling is made in a dry / off dry style. It possesses a lovely bouquet of citrus blossom, mandarin peel, honey suckle and ginger.

The palate is concentrated and pure fruited with green apple and citrus characters supported by lemongrass and ginger spice. Limey acidity leaves a crisp drying finish. Serve chilled with oysters, kina or Cloudy Bay clams.

## Vintage summary

It was another wet start to the season thanks to the La Nina weather pattern with January and February seeing numerous rain events. The growing season was warm, although down on sunshine hours. Fortunately, the weather gods decided to favour Marlborough this year.

The forecast rains in March and April never really arrived and the nights stayed cool. The grapes ripened slowly to get to target brix whilst retaining their all-important acidity. The wines are ripe, very aromatic, and beautifully balanced.

## Awards & Accolades

- 94 Points & 5 Stars, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
- 92 Points & Top Value, Bob Campbell

## Resources

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