
TERRA SANCTA ESTATE

MIRO'S BLOCK OLD VINE DRY RIESLING



VINTAGE: 2023

APPELLATION:
Bannockburn, Central Otago

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

VARIETAL: Riesling

ALCOHOL: 12%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 13.2g/l

pH: 2.89

TA: 10.9g/l

CELLAR: This will last the distance due to its high acidity and will be drinking at its best until 2032.

TASTING NOTE

A fragrant nose of florals including orange blossom and honeysuckle, along with herbs including tarragon and sage, leads to a vibrant palate of lime citrus, fresh pineapple, new season stone fruit and stoney minerality. Concentration is balanced by bright acidity to create a Riesling full of flavour and vitality.

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 centre 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.

VINTAGE

A cold spring with a high number of frosts got the season off to a scary start, however dedicated frost-fighting protected our vines during budburst. Timely rainfall and warm weather during late spring and early summer created ideal growing conditions all the way through to early March when frosts struck again. Harvest began on 24 March however cool weather and rain slowed ripening, prolonging the harvest period with the last fruit picked on 4 May. The 2023 vintage is characterised by minerality, purity, and precision, all evident in Miro's Block Riesling 2023.

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 steel, the ferment slowed naturally and concluded at a sugar/acid balance that best showcases the purity and vibrancy of this old vine Riesling.

FOOD MATCHING

Delicious accompaniment to fish tacos with a mango salsa, or pan fried sole with baked lemon and new potatoes with herb butter.