

MONTE CRISTO

WINERY

Established in 1864 by Jean Désiré Féraud, Monte Cristo is the birthplace of Central Otago wine. Our wines are made with 100% estate-grown fruit sourced from our vineyards across three distinct sub-regions, the Alexandra Basin, Bannockburn and Pisa. Utilising sustainable farming practices and minimal intervention methods in the winery, the outcome is elegant, refined, and impeccably balanced wines epitomising the terroir of Central Otago.



2025 Central Otago Riesling

Tasting note

Dry, light, refreshing and very aromatic with notes of lemon, lime, white peach, yellow apple, jasmine and citrus blossom.

Vintage note

The 2025 season began with a normal bud burst and good soil moisture. However, frost on 3 November, one of Central Otago's most severe cases in the past 30 years, reduced yields in Pisa by as much as 20%. Fortunately, the season turned warm and dry with no autumnal frosts, which resulted in our earliest harvest and one of the most consistent vintages to date. Wines show optimal ripeness, medium body, and bright acidity.

VINEYARDS

Vineyard: Proprietor's (100%)

Subregion: Pisa

Elevation: 251m

Clone(s): GM110, 49

Soil: Waenga alluvial sandy silt gravels, loam texture, moderately stoney, derived from schist

Growing Degree Days: 1240

Harvest: By hand on the 16/04/25

Yield: 4.7 t/ha

WINEMAKING

Brix: 21.5

Fermentation: 90% stainless steel & 10% neutral French oak

Aging: Four months in stainless steel and neutral French oak

Cases Produced: 133

FINISHED WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 12.0%

Residual Sugar: 4.27 g/l

pH: 2.91

TA: 9.0 g/l