

CROSSROADS WINERY



2008 Marlborough Riesling

Crossroads Winery is a boutique winery founded in 1990 in Hawke's Bay, located on the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand. Fascinated by the success and quality of white wine from Marlborough, we decided to produce a Riesling from estate grown fruit grow on a small, single vineyard. Our vision is to craft wines that convey superb primary fruit character, complexity and are true to the variety, climate and soil. All Crossroads Winery owned vineyards are managed under the strict rules of New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing®.

VITICULTURE / WINEMAKING

Lying in the Awatere Valley of Marlborough this sub-region's environment lends a restrained elegance and mineral signature to white wine; very much in keeping with the varietal character of Riesling and the style of this noble variety we choose to pursue. Bearing a low crop weight of well exposed bunches the fruit achieved ideal ripeness under warm, dry skies. These conditions continued throughout the harvest.

Harvested in one morning the bunches yielded free-run juice of exceptional purity. After a natural settling the juice began fermentation with yeasts known to enhance aromatic purity and character. Proceeding at a slow pace fermentation was arrested to retain a small amount of residual sugar to balance the bracing acidity inherent in the variety.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A delicate Riesling of crystalline purity and focus. Crushed lime and subtle orange rind aromas weave through the nose and palate. An elegant acid seam holds the beautifully textured palate in fine balance. The lovely fruit lingers on the dry finish.

WINE AND FOOD

Ready to drink now, it will continue to develop for a further three to five years with careful cellaring. Matt recommends your favourite double-cream blue cheese with thin pear slices and brazil nuts. A very versatile food wine try also with caramelised onion pastry tart or poached salmon.



Matthew Mitchell, Principal Winemaker



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2008
Region	Marlborough, NZ
Winemaker	Matthew Mitchell
Viticulturist	John van der Linden
Clone	239
Harvested	2 nd April 2008
Oak Treatment	Nil
Alc/Vol	11.0%
Titratable Acid	8.0g/l
PH	2.90
Residual sugar	10.3g/l
Cellaring	now - 2013

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