



WINERY | VINEYARD | FARM

*Mt. Beautiful*

North Canterbury **RIESLING 2020**

NEW ZEALAND WINE



#### Flavor Profile

The Riesling is our baby, in the sense that it was the first wine we produced and launched to the public. It is textural and mineral, ripe and medium dry with flavours of citrus, slate and wet wool. The citrus notes meld together with crisp, minerality and a floral character on the palate. It finishes with a beautiful, lingering acidity.

#### Winemaker Notes

2020 was an excellent growing season with very good flowering and plentiful water supply. The spring was warm and dry flowering took place in exceptional conditions. This led to very good fruit set. The balance of summer was warm and dry with cool nights making for excellent balance in the grapes and low disease pressure. The most balanced and cleanest fruit came from two blocks that where the under vine area was managed without herbicide. This enables the vines to be more resistant to disease and gives lighter, more open bunches. Harvest was on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, a little early. Due to the constraints of Covid 19, fruit was machine harvested to bins. This fruit was treated in the same way as hand-picked fruit. It was loaded directly to the press without crushing or de-stemming. It was then gently pressed using a whole bunch cycle with the free run and pressings kept separate. The juice was settled for 36 hours only, to retain some cloudiness in the juice, this contributes to texture and aroma. The juices were then cool fermented using aromatic yeast. The ferment was stopped when we achieved a balance of sugar and acid. Balance is everything in winemaking. The wine was aged on light yeast lees for a few months, before racking, blending and bottling.

#### The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Riesling with fresh New Zealand Scallops, other seafood, spicy dishes, and a laissez-faire outlook or drink on its own on a warm afternoon!

#### For the Aficionado

Planted 2005      92 rows, 10,570 vines      Yield: 7 T/ha (2.8 T/ac)  
2 blocks, 2.63 ha (6.5 ac)      Spacing: @2.4 x 1.05m

The Riesling is planted on the higher elevated Southern section of the vineyard bordered by gullies, with the gully to the west being an established pine forest creating a warm sheltered block. The Riesling is closely planted, and has been split into two blocks with the lower block being spur pruned and the higher larger block single cane pruned to reduce vigor and maximize flavor. Like several of our other blocks we tend and harvest this block by hand. These plantings focus on German Geisenheim clone Gm 239, backed by clones Gm 198 and then Gm 110, which provide a classically elegant wine with mandarin, lime and lemon flavors.

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#### Appellation

North Canterbury

#### Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 11.0%  
TA 6.9g/L  
RS 17g/L  
pH 3.08

#### Bottled

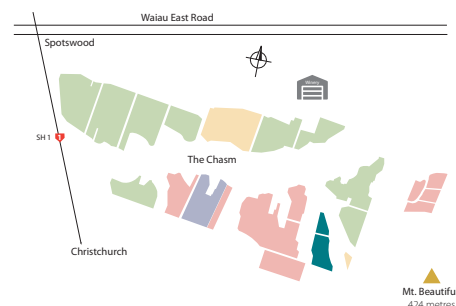
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#### Production

549 cases

#### Suggested Retail Price

22.99 USD  
28.00 NZD



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