

Little Beauty Limited Edition Dry Riesling



Varietal mix:	100% Riesling, made in a Dry style.
Vintage:	2023
Site location:	Single Vineyard, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough. Sub-region: 'Southern Valleys'.
Site features:	Just 1.89ha of vines. Discrete, characterful. The Riesling is grown on river terraces containing stony silt loam soils with fine sandy loam topsoil and gravels over alluvial gravels. Considerable stone is evident in the topsoil profile. Sustainably accredited by New Zealand Winegrowers.
Clones:	198-19, 110
Canopy:	North-south facing rows. The trellis system used is Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP). Intensive canopy and yield management aiming to intensify characters.
Harvest detail:	Harvest (by machine) occurs in the cool of the early morning to ensure the fruit arrived at the winery cold and with no possibility of oxidation. Two picks during the 2022 harvest.
Winemaker:	Eveline Fraser.
Oenology:	The fruit was whole bunch pressed at a low extraction rate. Only free run juice used. Ferment was initiated with three different yeasts and fermented cool to retain the pure fresh varietal flavours. The ferment was stopped before going completely bone dry. The wine was racked off heavy yeast lees and then sat on fine lees in tank for a period. The wine was lightly filtered before being bottled.
Colour & Aroma:	The 2023 Little Beauty Dry Riesling is bright lemon coloured. The aromas are delicate; citrus-led – think clementine, mandarin, lime, lemon sherbet and old-fashioned lemonade. There's a hint of apple tart, spiced apple, or lemon meringue pie, some minerality (flinty) and something spicy like powdered ginger. Some floral notes like blossom. A sense of purity.
Palate:	The palate is pretty, delicate and refreshing, ideal as an aperitif.. There's the trademark citrus notes (limes and fresh clementine) combined with oyster shell and slate. Hints of lemon sorbet, lemon curd, Beeswax, honey and apricot. This wine has credentials, and structure, to cellar well.
RS:	6.7 g/l
Alc:	12.0 %
TA:	7.8 g/l
Food Pairing:	Shellfish, Prawns, White Fish, Fresh Water Fish, Pork, Poultry, Creamy Blue Cheeses (e.g. gorgonzola), Munster, dishes featuring Chilli or Honey or Soy Sauce. Genres Dry Riesling is well suited to: Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Korea, Indian, Alsatian, German, Mexican, Peruvian.