



2020 Paddy Borthwick Riesling

Region: Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand



Tasting notes: An enticing aroma of white florals, lime, and savoury apple. Medium bodied, off-dry in style, with intense citrus, lemon-barley, and marmalade flavors, showing good depth. Drink now or age for 6 years and let the wine show the developing complexities of a great Riesling.

Vintage Conditions: The growing season for the 2020 vintage saw little to no rainfall in November and December 2019. This produced slightly shorter canopy heights but provided ideal conditions for fruit set. The low rainfall continued for the remainder of the season into late March, leading to earlier flavour development in the grapes and no disease pressure. Grapes were picked between March 18th and April the 8th 2020. All fruit harvested was ripe, overall a quality vintage.

Viticulture: : Planted in 2007 our one hectare of Riesling vines are lovingly cared for ensure optimal concentration and ripeness in the wines. Planted in clone 239 on rootstock 3309, the vines produce compact bunches that promote citrus characters and racy acidity, the hallmark of the Borthwick Riesling.

Winemaking: Our Riesling is picked and quickly pressed prior to settling and inoculation with selected yeast strains that promote a slow, cool fermentation. The fermentation is arrested when we feel the best balance has occurred between sweetness and acidity.

Analysis:

Alcohol: 12.5%

Total acid: 8.0g/l

pH: 3.16

Residual sugar: 5.6g/l

History: Established in 1996, proudly family owned and managed, Borthwick Vineyard produces wines that are a direct reflection of the Gladstone region, New Zealand. Ancient stony, alluvial soils, a cool climate, sustainable practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery, mean our wines display distinctive single vineyard characteristics.