

Little Beauty Noble Edition Riesling

Variety:	100% Botrytised Riesling
Vintage:	2018
Site location:	Single Vineyard, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough. Sub-region: 'Southern Valleys'. Select Rows.
Site features:	Discrete, characterful. The lower terraces, where the Riesling is situated, contains stony silt loam soils with fine sandy loam topsoil and gravels over alluvial gravels. Considerable stone is evident in the topsoil profile. Nestled under the mighty Southern Alps, the site benefits from extreme diurnal temperatures. Sustainably accredited by NZ Winegrowers.
Canopy:	North-south facing rows. The trellis system used is Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP) and the crops thinned throughout the growing season to ensure the berries remain clean and reach full maturity.
Harvest method:	The fruit was hand-picked on 28th April, in the early hours of the morning. At time of harvest, Brix was 37.6°.
Winemaker:	Eveline Fraser.
Oenology:	On arrival at the winery, the fruit was placed into a small press and left to soak for 24-hours. After putting available juice back over the skins, juice yield was just 511 litres per tonne. The ferment was conducted with a yeast designed for high natural sugar loads ('Zymaflore ST'). Fermentation took place in a small stainless-steel tank under cool conditions. After a few months on light lees the wine was fined and filtered and bottled (to 375ml bottles).
Aroma:	Exquisite. Aromas of poached stone fruit, dried apricots, honeycomb and suggestions of lemon tart.
Palate:	Exquisite. The palate is succulent, mouth watering and luscious. Characters of sweet mandarin twist and citrus freshness. A sense of persistence.
RS:	173 g/l
Alc:	12.0%
TA:	8.2 g/l