



CASTELLI ESTATE



CASTELLI ESTATE 2013 MOUNT BARKER RIESLING

VARIETY 100% Riesling REGION Mount Barker

SEASON NOTES

The 2013 vintage was slightly earlier than normal for the white varieties. Crop loads were low with some inclement weather at flowering, which allowed the canopies to cope easily with the fruit load and produce intense flavour profiles. The small crop load combined with fine weather and the lack of extreme conditions in December/January promoted early flavour and sugar development. An excellent, early red gum blossom also meant that there was little disease pressure from bird damage. Chardonnay and Riesling were the outstanding white varieties of the vintage with outstanding balance of flavour and acid.

WINEMAKING

Harvested in the cool of night to preserve fruit intensity and minimal delay in processing time. Early separation of free run and pressings (-460L/T) and an overall pressing of only 630L/T allowed for the delicacy of the variety to be preserved. Pressings and free run were fined and fermented separately. Fermentation was carried out under temperature controlled conditions (12-14°C) using neutral yeast to dryness.

TASTING NOTE

This wine is fine example of cool climate Great Southern Riesling from the Mount Barker sub-region. Pure, clean lines are the feature of this wine with pristine and elegant floral aromatics with hints of cherry blossom and lemon sherbet. The crisp, tacy natural acidity gives great structure and backbone to the wine and helps contain the limey core. Although the delightful aromatics and freshness of this wine make it a wonderful early drinking aperitif style it is stylistically more suited to ageing with its coiled tightness and focused, riveting structure. For those that are patient enough to cellar this for 10-15 years will be in store for some wonderful surprises.

FOOD MATCH

Fish dishes or aromatic Asian cuisine.

PICKING DATA

Date Picked: 25th Feb
Baume: 11.6
pH: 3.11
T/A: 8.4 g/L

WINE DATA

Alcohol: 12.0%
pH: 3.21
T/A: 7.8 g/L
Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/L