

VILLA MARIA SINGLE VINEYARD

WALDRON RIESLING 2006



Single Vineyard wines are created from vineyards of exceptional quality when vintage conditions allow these sites to fully express their individual characteristics.

The Waldron Vineyard is located on the northern side of the Wairau Valley in the Rapaura area. The vines are low cropping and undergo intensive canopy manipulation such as leaf plucking and fruit and shoot thinning. This wine is made in the Germanic Spatlese style. Only when ripe flavours had developed in the vineyard did we decide to hand select the individual bunches suitable for producing this unique wine. Bunches were whole bunch pressed to yield juice of exceptional quality. The fermentation was halted to leave a natural residual sugar level in fine balance and harmony with the vigorous acidity, resulting in a classic Riesling structure. The wine has been treated with minimal, gentle and natural winemaking techniques to preserve its delicacy.

Winemaker's comment: Intense, pure and alluring aromas of fresh lemon, mandarin, citrus peel and orange blossom characterise the nose along with hints of dried herbs. The palate has fresh, youthful citrus flavours and subtle spicy musk tones. The classical structure is delicate, refined and harmonious, starting luscious and finishing with a crisp, pure and racy acidity.

Awards:

93 points (5 Stars) – Gourmet Traveller, 2007

4 Stars – Cuisine 2007

Technical Details:

Alcohol:10.5 % | pH:2.95 | Total Acidity:9.40g /L | Residual Sugar:39.34 | Barcode:9414416850141