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TOHU AWATERE VALLEY RIESLING | 2024

TASTING NOTE

This bright and crisp Riesling displays aromas of citrus zest and green apple with hints of spring florals, leading to a palate of mouth-filling lemon, lime, and white peach. Structured with abundant natural acidity and mineral notes, this fresh and vibrant Riesling is lively and fruit-forward in its youth and will continue to develop over the years with careful cellaring.

WINEMAKING

Carefully harvested grapes were pressed as soon as they arrived at the winery using our modern membrane press. The bright, clear free-run juice was kept separate from the hard pressings for fermentation, with the ferment carried out in small tanks and at cool temperatures to capture aromatics and freshness. Once fermentation was complete the wine was racked off yeast lees and left in tank for a short period allowing flavour compounds to develop and integrate. The wine was then readied for an early bottling to secure the freshness and vibrancy of the wine in mid-June 2024.

VITICULTURE

The grapes for this wine were grown in the Puketapu block of our Whenua Awa vineyard. Located in the upper Awatere Valley, Whenua Awa is characterised by stony, free draining river terraces and a long, cool growing season. The 2023/2024 growing season began with a cool spring and frosty conditions over the flowering period which resulted in lower than average yields. Low crop levels combined with a remarkably hot and dry summer provided a dream run for both the vineyard and winemaking teams. With no disease pressure in the vineyard and ideal weather over the harvest period, grapes were able to be picked at optimal ripeness, resulting in a wine with outstanding aromatics and fruit concentration, while still retaining generous juicy acidity.



ANALYSIS: Vintage: 2024 | Alc: 11.5% | pH: 2.87 | T/A: 9.2g/L | RS: 9.4g/L

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