



PYRAMID VALLEY

NEW ZEALAND

2016 PYRAMID VALLEY MARLBOROUGH RIESLING *Marlborough, New Zealand*

Harvested in early April, from 36 year-old vines, in this wise block tended by a wise and gifted grower, on Wratts Road in Rapaura. A mostly easy and affable season.

Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed, fermented with vineyard yeasts and no temperature control, in tank, for 11 months. Bottled unfinned in March 2016.

Alcohol 12.8%. 453 cases of 6 x 750ml produced.

Tasting note

Brilliant, pale straw gold.

Lifted, honeyed, with sweet florals: acacia, crocus, pear blossom; lush, but in a fresh and pretty way; not the opulence of summer, but rather the comely profusion of spring; also a mineral character, clean water flowing over stone, characteristic of this vineyard.

Bright and poised, still charm and that floral sweetness, yet with salient phenolics; flirtatious length and a delectable finish. After the adamant and powerful 2015, this is all fluttering lashes, blushes and smiles; a fresh and articulate representation of a balanced and breezy vintage.

