

John Forrest

COLLECTION

2012

LATE HARVEST

WAIRAU VALLEY MARLBOROUGH



PH 3.05 • TA 7.1 g/l • ALCOHOL: 9% • RESIDUAL SUGAR: 111 g/l

The John Forrest Collection

Making wine is a very personal endeavour, yet one that winemakers love to share. For me, winemaking combines my exuberant personality and scientist's love of experimentation with a continuous quest to capture the best that the land, vines and vintage have to offer. The result is a collection of wines with integrity and purity of flavour, which clearly reflect their sense of place. I am proud to share these wines with you.

Late Harvest Riesling Profile

Marlborough has an ideal climate for late harvested dessert wines; thanks to cool nights and temperate days, modest autumn rainfall and a harvest period lasting into June. These elements allow the berries an extended time on the vine, concentrating the sugars and flavours while retaining acidity. Since 1993 I have been making sweet Rieslings from three vineyards in the Wairau Valley. Two are on geologically young, stony, free-draining gravels close to the Wairau river; producing intense citrus aromas and pristine crisp acidity. The third, within the Southern Valley, lies on geologically older soils, crushed stones with a portion of clay which imparts stone fruit flavours and Asian spice; with a softer acidity and tremendous mouth texture.

Tasting Notes

This is a luscious and beautifully textural wine, made from botrytis free grapes and hand harvested from mature vines on our premium vineyards across the Wairau Valley. It presents honeyed ripe stone and citrus fruits in perfect balance. It will reward patience with endless cellaring potential.

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