



RAPAURA SPRINGS

Single Vineyard



GRAVEL LANE BOTRYTISED RIESLING – 2018

TASTING NOTES

Orange blossom and elderflowers with candied citrus peel, honeysuckle and ginger spice. Fresh acidity and lime pith flavours are complemented with spice and florals with an Orange marmalade finish.

THE VINEYARD

The Gravel Lane vineyard is located just off New Renwick Road in the Omaka area of Blenheim. The soils in this site are shallow, stony and free draining. Due to the proximity to the Southern Valleys, the site enjoys cooler nighttime temperatures.

WINEMAKING

The 2018 growing season was not without some challenges. December enjoyed perfect flowering conditions, January was one of the warmest on record, February delivered some rain and March was characterised by extended dry periods and high sunshine hours. Once botrytised the fruit for this wine was hand selected and harvested into bins. The fruit was then gently crushed and soaked and crushed again to extract the

precious juice and sugar from the dehydrated berries. After a cold settling the juice racked into 100% aged oak barrels, where it was inoculated with a strong yeast culture and fermented. The fermentation was stopped when the balance of sugar and acid was achieved.

THE STORY

Our Single Vineyard wines hail from premium vineyard sites and represent the best of our region. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people.

ACCOLADES

96 Points – Cameron Douglas
MS 2021

95 Points – Candice Chow,
Raymond Chan Wine Reviews 2021

93 Points – Bob Campbell
MW 2021

5 Stars – Michael Cooper's Buyer's
Guide 2021

Top Sweet Wine & 5 Stars –
Yvonne Lorkin, Canvas Magazine
2021

Alcohol: 10.5%

Total acidity: 11.3 g/l

Residual sugar: 233 g/l

Bottle Barcode: 9421003772175

Carton Barcode: 19421003772189

