

# ALAN McCORKINDALE

## 2010 Germania Riesling

### Inspiration

I was lucky enough to spend a year in the vineyards of Germany in 1986, and was thinking it was 25 years ago, I should do something off the wall to celebrate it, and now people can share the passion and love I have for Riesling with this wine.

### Germania

I chose the name 'Germania' as it was the Roman name for the area we now know as Germany, because 'Germania' is the nineteenth century Prussian personification of a united German Empire in the figure of a well built woman with long flowing hair, a sword and shield, and because the idea of blending wine from the Mosel with our grapes was a little crazy.

### The Wine

Alan McCorkindale 2010 Germania Riesling is blended from the unique microclimate and limestone-rich soils of our vineyard in North Canterbury's Waipara Valley and from the Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyard in Germany's Mosel Valley. A Riesling wine crafted to showcase the beauty of Riesling, celebrating a love of Riesling, from two far apart Riesling appellations.

### Flavours

A vibrant Riesling, this wine bursts with flavours of violets, Seville orange and lemon blossom, with hints of apricot, honey, and lemon zest. The palate is medium-dry, balanced with racy acidity, elegant and tightly structured with excellent concentration and tension. This wine will cellar for up to ten years.

### Accolades

Gold Medal, 2011 NZ International Wine Show, 'Delicate sweetness to balance the racy acidity...fresh, vibrant and mouthwateringly long'  
'The undisputed master of Riesling in New Zealand' Rosemary George, MW

