

# ARIA Late Picked Riesling

## What the press say .....

### 2022

**94/100** "... **Full-bodied and sweet** with dried apricot and candied lemons that follow through to a sweet finish of Turkish delight" - James Suckling Wine Reviews, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

### 2020

**94/100** "Fabulous aromas ... **A delicious wine, perfect as an aperitif and some less sweeter dessert** ." - Cameron Douglas MS, [camdouglasms.com](http://camdouglasms.com), NZ

**94/100** "**Gorgeous perfumed** nose with aromas of lemon, grapefruit, magnolia and struck match/gunflint sulphide complexity... **lively, invigorating, fruity-style with good drive** and phenolics to balance the sweetness." - New Zealand Wine Rater, Stephen Bennett MW & Lynnette Hudson, NZ

**95/100** "... A luscious dessert wine ... **Sweetness is perfectly balanced by crisp acidity** ... " - Bob Campbell MW, *The Real Review*, NZ

**96/100** "**Luscious and sumptuous** ... richly textured palate that's dazzling and delectable. Gorgeously sweet with **excellent balance and harmony**, offering terrific drinking" - Sam Kim, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

**92/100** "The **seductive and shapely** 2020 Riesling Aria Late Picked may have generous sweetness (70g/L) but a prickle of retained CO2 combined with the naturally vibrant acidity of Riesling and lightly phenolic character provide the structured framework for this wine to remain focused and clean.... It's **excellently balanced** ..." - Rebecca Gibb MW, *Vinous*, USA

**19+/20** "... This harmonious late-picked Riesling with luscious fruit, honey and spice shine with vibrant acidity, complexity and a moreish, long finish." - Candice Chow, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

**93/100** "... **Full-bodied and sweet, yet fresh, with sharp acidity and bright, zesty character. Excellent balance**" - James Suckling Wine Reviews, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

### 2018

**94/100** "**Decadently luscious Riesling** ..." - Bob Campbell MW, *The Real Review*, AUS & NZ

**18.5/20** "This is one of New Zealand's great white wines each year... It's a **stunning balance** between luscious, textual richness and the refreshing delicious succulence provided by the acidity." - Joelle Thomson, *Drinksbiz*, NZ



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**94/100** "... A luscious, opulent, viscous, full-bodied botrytis style with enough acid to balance the richness. **Well done.**" - *New Zealand Wine Rater, Stephen Bennett MW & Lynnette Hudson, NZ*

**19.5/20** "... The wine is refreshing and uncloying, supported by mouthwatering acidity, carry this flavoursome nectar through the palate with ease ... **refreshing palate with the usual complexity**" - *Candice Chow, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ*

★★★★★ **96/100** "Offering opulence as well as sophistication ... delicious sweetness and refreshing acidity" - *Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.co.nz, NZ*

★★★★★ "... notable depth and harmony. It should be long-lived, but is **already a lovely mouthful.**" - *Michael Cooper, Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide, NZ*

### 2016

**93/100** "Off-dry and **very impressive** ... The palate has immensely fleshy appeal and a neat resolve and balance" - *Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA*

**95/100** "Pure, fresh, fruity and alluring bouquet ... **Long and delicious finish. A lovely wine ....**" - *Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.com, NZ*

**93/100** " **stunning delicious wine ... bright and mouthwatering ... lingering finish**" - *Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, US*

★★★★★ **95/100** "Luscious Riesling ... a delicious wine ..." - *Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ*

**19/20** " **one of New Zealand's most seductively succulent Rieslings.** ... full body and powerful lingering finish" - *Joelle Thomson, joellethomson.com, NZ*

### 2014

**92/100** "Offering up pronounced notes of lemon marmalade, acacia honey... offers a fair bit off rich, unctuous sweetness. Marked by a racy acid backbone, which cuts through the appealing viscosity ..., **the refreshing finish goes on and on.**" - *Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, eRobertParker.com, USA*

**93/100** "Bold and rich scents of honey, syrup, sweet citrus, apple tart tatin and poached orchard fruits. On the palate - lush and juicy with significant acidity and weight .... **A delicious wine!**" - *Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz, NZ*



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“...It's cleansing yet indulgent at the same time. **Gorgeous stuff.**“

– Yvonne Lorkin, [www.yvonnelorkin.com](http://www.yvonnelorkin.com) NZ

**Excellent to outstanding** “...A sweet, powerful and intense wine ... layers of flavour: textural and richly creamy: sweetness yet with zingy acidity keeping it fresh. **Delicious.**“

– Mark Henderson, *Otago Daily Times*. NZ

**19/20** “.... **excellent acidity and tension to match the unctuousness**, ... carries with brightness and energy to a very long moderately sweet and luscious finish .... This is a **beautifully elegant and harmoniously entwined late-pick Riesling**“

- Raymond Chan, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

## 2013

**95/100** “. . Exotic fruits and spices offer a delicious package of flavours. Full-flavoured wine with a smooth texture and lingering finish. **Very classy sticky** . “

- Bob Campbell MW, [www.bobcampbellwinereviews.com](http://www.bobcampbellwinereviews.com), NZ

**18.5/20** This has an elegant, fresh and tightly bound nose with excellent presence and depth of exotic floral fragrances and lime fruit aromas intermixed with wild honey and marmalade botrytis. The integrity of the fruit shows in floral and lime clarity and the detail of nuance is beautiful....The fruit is underlined by subtle phenolic textures that emerge to balance the richness and lusciousness. This has great weight, depth and presence, with lively acidity providing the palate energy and drive. The wine flows positively to a full blossoming, sustained finish with florals, honey and musk notes. **This is a beautifully fragrant and exotic sweet Riesling with a rich, finely textured palate of great presence and line.**

-Raymond Chan, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

## 2012

**94/100** Made from a selection of bunches with shrivelled berries for greater concentration. A delicious vintage for Aria with tree fruit and bush honey flavours. Moderately sweet Riesling but not so sweet that it can't be enjoyed as a delicious aperitif. **A successful vintage for an iconic New Zealand dessert wine style.**

- Bob Campbell MW, [www.bobcampbellwinereviews.com](http://www.bobcampbellwinereviews.com), NZ

**94/100** "The cool 2012 season has given this sweet and rich Riesling precision and drive. It has dense concentration of fruit suggesting low yields in the vineyard..... While sweet, it is clean and precise, and would suit spicy food although I'm happy to drink glass after glass of it without any accompaniment.

- Rebecca Gibb MW, [www.rebeccagibb.com](http://www.rebeccagibb.com), NZ

**19/20** This is a **beautifully elegant and refined sweet Riesling with a balance between decadence and freshness.**

- Raymond Chan, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ



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**2009**

**92/100 points** "... wonderfully honeyed/musky character on the nose ... rich and generously fruited in the mouth, it has a good backbone of refreshing acidity and a very long finish."

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA



"A very classy wine .... It should flourish for many years."

- Michael Cooper, Buyers Guide 2012, NZ