



Viticulture

- Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam
- 100% fruit from our **Home block**
- Clones: Gm 110 and Gm 198-19
- **Weather Conditions:** Excellent spring weather resulted in almost perfect pollination. A warm summer brought along healthy canopy growth.
- Just before harvest we received a major rainfall, causing heavy botrytis in our Riesling Block. Some grape bunches turned into beautiful **noble botrytis** and we carefully hand-picked them on 30 April with an amazing **55 Brix**.

Thomas's Treasure

This wine has always been the pride and joy of our then 5 year old son Thomas. He helped picking the tiny, completely botrytised bunches, sampled the ðnektarö at pressing and helped his Dad filling his very first barrel: a 120L Acacia barrel imported especially from Slovenia.

For the next 3 years only Thomas and his Dad were allowed to sample this special wine! but the long wait for the rest of us was well worth it ö the wine has turned out as **a truly amazing Treasure!**

Tasting Notes

An explosion of treacle, Manuka and pine nut flavours is backed up by a succulent texture, juicy acidity and tremendous length - slightly decadent!

Winemaking

- Gently crushed before an extended maceration period
- Whole bunch pressed

- Gravity-fed from press area to main winery
- **Natural fermentation** in a **120L Acacia barrel** especially imported from Slovenia.
- Maturing on its lees in barrel for **3 years**.
- No racking, no sulphur or other additives during these first three years
- **No fining** pre-bottling, gentle filtration
- Bottled on 2 August 2012 in 375ml bottles under screw capsule
- 8.0% Alcohol
- **only 309 small bottles produced**
- matured for 2 years in bottle before release in December 2013

Accolades

5 Stars Michael Cooper

The 2008 vintage, released in 2013, is indeed a 'treasure' ö **one of the most striking sweet wines ever produced in New Zealand.**

Only 309 bottles were produced ö but what a wine! The bouquet is immediately arresting, with an exceptional intensity of apricot and honey aromas, showing real complexity. A wine of great beauty, it is oily and sweet, almost syrupy, with honey, apricot and tea flavours, good acid spine and exceptional depth.

5 Stars or 9/100 from Bob Campbell MW

Deep golden colour that looks a bit like a mature Liqueur Muscat. Intense and very sweet wine supported by strong acidity that stops any suggestion of cloying and no doubt helps the wine age. Toffee, honey, musk and just a hint of wildflowers. A very unique wine, hard to rate. **Very impressive.**