



Seresin.

CHIAROSCURO 2018



pH - 3.2
TA - 5.8
RS - 5 g/L
Alc - 12%
Total SO₂ - 90ppm

Varieties - 55% Riesling, 37% Pinot Gris,
8% Gewürztraminer
Vineyard - Raupo Creek
Yield - 8 Tonnes/hectare
Oak - 7 months, barrel fermented

Organic and Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans

Tasting Notes

A harmonious marriage between the three aromatic varieties, this wine brings much lightness and elegance to the palate. Bright with dense, ripe citrus fruits and yellow peach, also white flowers, yet the wine is also savoury and spicy, textured and structured. A wine with huge personality that is often changing, depending on the mood!

Winemaking

Following on from the aromatic theme for 2018 set by the incredible Riesling fruit, we saw the potential of all of the aromatics from the Raupo vineyard and set out to make a traditional Alsatian field blend. By the end of March there came a time where all three aromatic varieties – Pinot Gris, Riesling and Gewürztraminer were ripe, so we hand harvested each variety and combined the fruit in the field, then transported to the winery whereby it was whole bunch pressed. The juice was left to settle naturally, then transferred to a mixture of old neutral puncheons and barriques to undertake fermentation naturally. A long, consistent fermentation took place – 3 months. Each barrel then had a small sulphur addition and was topped, and left to rest for an additional three months, stirring occasionally. Selected barrels and puncheons were then combined into a stainless steel tank to stabilise and filter prior to bottling.

Vintage

The 2018 winegrowing vintage at Seresin Estate will be remembered for a challenging cold start with a spectacular long summer. A very long and constant frost fighting season ensured the team were under pressure from the start. Towards the end of January we were predicting a later harvest than normal, but an intense long summer followed by a dry harvest period enabled us to deliver the fruit on-time, intact and without stress. The harvest itself was fast and furious, one of the most compact we have ever experienced.

Viticulture

Certified organic fruit was hand-picked from the rich, clay-based slopes of our biodynamically certified Raupo Creek vineyard in the Omaka Valley.

