KERRIGAN + BERRY

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The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia. The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards; our interpretation of the best of Western Australia.

KERRIGAN + BERRY RIESLING 2017

The Kerrigan + Berry Riesling is made from the historic Langton Vineyard, Mount Baker in Western Australia's Great Southern.

2017 VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was influenced by a cool wet spring, and a mild summer with above average rainfall and fortunately a dry finish to autumn. This gave extended ripening periods and produced wines of outstanding flavour and fantastic tannin structure.

It was a bit of a waiting game as harvest started 10 -14 days later than the previous few vintages and restraint was required to delay picking as the vines needed time to drop acid and develop full flavour ripeness. The cold Mount Barker nights helped the Kerrigan + Berry Riesling to achieve great results with a linear acid backbone and great limey citrus aromas while also showing glimpses of floral beauty.

2017 while a difficult vintage will result in some magnificent wines from the Great Southern region. It won't be attributed to luck. Good results have been from good site selection and careful management throughout the season.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 KERRIGAN + BERRY is a pale straw colour with lively, steely green tinges. The nose is a perfumed blend of limes, lemons and more tropical passionfruit.

The initial impression on the palate is that of seamless structure, fine vibrant acids and lingering citrus flavours. The use of free-run juice only has given the wine "fineness", balancing the fragile varietal flavours of Riesling.

There is a complex array of flavours in the mouth, dominated by lemons, limes and grapefruit. These are supported by hints of spice and mineral on the mid-palate and green apple on the impressively long finish.

CELLARING

The refreshing lemons and limes make this wine very appealing in its first year or so. However it may take up to ten years before this fine steely structure transforms into the toasty, rich, complex wine that is an aged Riesling.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol 12.0% Growing Region: Mount Barker, Great Southern, Western Australia. Variety: Riesling 100%

