



# georges road wines

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## RIESLING Block Three 2012

Winemaker	Kirk Bray	
Vineyard	Georges Road Vineyard, Waipara	
Harvest Date	Hand-harvested in two passes; 16 April, 25 April 2012	
Harvest Data	Brix 19.5-21.1, TA g/L 8.1-9.3, pH 2.98-3.11	
Season	A great season for aromatics in Waipara. Consistent bud burst, no frost issues and reasonable weather over flowering/fruit-set. Slightly cooler-than-average weather throughout the summer with good acid retention in the berries. No picking or timing issues at harvest. Great quality fruit.	
Vineyard	The fruit for this wine was hand harvested in two separate passes from our Georges Road vineyard in Waipara. Vineyard soils are predominantly loam and gravel based. The vines are trained to a 2 cane VSP trellis with row spacing at 2.0m and vine spacing at 1.5m. A portion of the vines are at 1.0m. Clones are a mix of 239, 198 and 110 on Riparia Gloire and Schwarzmann rootstock. Each parcel of fruit was transported on the day of harvest to the winery for processing. Shoot and crop thinning are employed to ensure optimum fruit quality at relatively low cropping levels of 1kg/vine.	
Winemaking	Each parcel of fruit was loaded straight into the Press and gently whole bunch pressed. The resulting juice was settled briefly in tank before being racked to another tank where it underwent a natural fermentation. Fermentation temperature was capped at 18C to retain aromatic intensity but was turned off for latter ¼ of the ferment to encourage additional complexity. The fermentation was arrested when the wine was deemed to be in balance. The wine remained on gross lees to build additional texture before being blended and filtered just prior to bottling.	
Wine	A highly aromatic Germanic-styled wine with a naturally lower level of alcohol and a moderate level of sweetness perfectly balanced with vibrant natural acidity. In line with our natural winemaking philosophy this wine has not been fined or cold stabilised.	
Production	Bottling date:	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2012
	Cases produced	1000
	Packaging:	Lie-flat 6 x 750ml Riesling bottle Diam cork
Wine Analysis	Alcohol (%)	11.80
	Residual Sugar (g/L)	24.00
	pH	3.12
	TA (g/L)	8.20



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