



EQUINOX

WAIPARA HILLS

The Spring Equinox marks the first burst of bud and the Autumnal Equinox signals the time for harvest. Our Equinox wines are of limited edition, and lovingly hand crafted to capture the unique essence of the Waipara Valley.



2015 Riesling

VINEYARD

100% from The Mound Vineyard, Waipara. Gravelly to silt loams.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Frost about a month into the growing season knocked the vines back, affecting the yields. Thankfully the combination of small crops and a warm dry summer created ideal conditions to ripen the fruit quickly and produce very intense flavours. With warm autumn conditions prevailing, the fruit was harvested in perfect condition.

VINIFICATION

The fruit from our river terrace block at The Mound Vineyard was hand-picked, selecting sun-exposed bunches that gave vibrant orange fruit flavours and ripe phenolics. After being whole bunch pressed the juice was cold settled to achieve greater clarity before racking to tank for fermentation. Fermentation was over three weeks using our favourite yeast for this style, then racked again and left over the winter months. Blending was done in the Spring before bottling, then held back for several months to enhance the aromatics.

WINE: 2015 Waipara Hills Equinox Riesling

COLOUR: Pale green.

NOSE: Beautifully rich and complex aromas of exotic lime, mandarin and floral notes.

PALATE: Wonderfully intense citrus fruit flavours deliver a crisp lingering finish.

SERVE: A versatile wine, perfect with spicy dishes, fresh salads, pork loin or as an aperitif.

CELLARING: 2016-2020

ANALYSIS: ALC: 11.6% | ACIDITY (TA): 8.9 | pH 3.1 | RS: 23g/L

“Racy and vibrant, this wine has a rich mouth-feel and is sure to become a favourite for the Cellar.”

Andrew Brown,
Waipara Hills Winemaker