



SPY VALLEY Riesling 2016



Country

New Zealand

Region

Marlborough

Subregion

Waihopa Valley

Viticulturist

Adam McCone

Winemakers

Paul Bourgeois & Rachel Collier

Varietal Blend

100% Riesling

Alcohol Content

13.5%

Residual Sugar

6.2 g/L

Total Acidity

7.1 g/L

HISTORY

In the 1990's, deep in the Waihopai Valley, Bryan and Jan Johnson established 180 hectares/445 acres of estate vineyards on land considered too hard, too dry and too unfertile for wine. This pioneering spirit is one of New Zealand's most successful and Marlborough's few remaining 100% Kiwi family-owned wineries. Located up the road from a US government listening post (the Spy base) - Spy Valley Wines focuses on a sustainable philosophy and shares their secrets with us through every bottle.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Fruit for the Spy Valley Riesling are sourced from Johnson Vineyard in Waihopai Valley. Vines are planted in alluvial stony silt loam soils with young stony river-bed terraces and clay/silt loam terrace over free draining alluvium. The Grapes are hand picked over eight passes. The majority of the fruit has extended skin contact before a gentle pressing. Long natural ferments take place in oak and stainless steel vessels, and the wine stays on lees until blending which happens pre-Christmas.

TASTING NOTES

The wine has complex aromas with notes of ginger, nectarine, and sea-shell with hints of anise, nougat and spices. The palate is dry in style, and the flavor balance is skewed towards the mineral and complex spectrum with powerful underlying fruit. Texture is the key to this wine with lemon pith, white pepper and spice flavors. It has a clean, vibrant finish that cleanses the palate.

