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d'Akaroa

Viticulture Notes

The 2008 d'Akaroa Dry Riesling was made from grapes grown on our Sunnybrae vineyard, located on the north facing slopes of French Farm Valley, near Akaroa on Banks Peninsula.

Budburst occurred during early October 2007 in what we found was a very cool Spring..

By December temperatures had warmed up, and good conditions over flowering led to great fruit set. We removed leaves in the bunch zone to ensure the fruit received maximum sunlight.

An indian summer, with a prolonged spell of warm days and cool nights, helped produce some lemony limey flavours in the fruit.

During May we noticed much cooler temperatures, and the fruit was hand harvested on the 14th May 2008, and came in to the winery very clean.

The fruit was hand picked into small crates, taken directly to the winery and tipped directly into the press. This careful handling from vineyard to winery helped ensure the grapes retain key flavours.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were pressed immediately, and the clear juice then fermented slowly at low temperatures. Subtle aromas of lemon zest and green apple entice one into tasting. The palate is rewarded with crisp citrus flavours with a racy acid backbone. This wine will age well – it already demonstrates some of the early bottle age characters of honey and kerosene. The Riesling aficionado's Riesling!

Analysis at Harvest (14 May 2008):

21° Brix
10.9g/L TA
3.28 pH

Analysis at Bottling (9 October 2008):

12.1% alc/vol
6.7g/L Residual Sugar
8.3g/L TA

