



AKARUA
CENTRAL OTAGO



Riesling 2019 Central Otago

REGION

Region: Central Otago
Sub Region: Bannockburn

VINEYARD

Cairnmuir Road
Vineyard block: Redback Ridge
Aspect: north/west facing terrace
Row orientation: north/south
Soil: weakly structured light alluvial soils overlaying schist rock
Vine age 14 years
Trellis System: VSP
Pruning: Cane
Cropping: 5.4 T/Ha

VINTAGE NOTES

Growing conditions:
Characteristically unpredictable Central Otago growing conditions bookended by frost events. Overall, a cool, settled season with good rainfall resulting in long, gentle development of flavour and physiological ripeness. Budburst, flowering and fruit set all right on schedule this year for our cool climate region.

Grower Degree Days:
1,100 GDD
Rainfall: 426 ml Oct-April

VINIFICATION

Whole bunch pressed, bottled unfined
Yeast: wild / inoculated
Fermentation: stainless steel, cool – less than 13C

TASTING NOTE

Golden, straw colour.
Complex nose of dried orange zest, tangelo and candied peel with spice notes of white pepper, clove and a perfume of talc. The palate is showing lovely texture, finely balanced with acidity.

Winemakers Notes:

"In 2019, our Riesling is 100% from the Redback Ridge block on our Cairnmuir Road home vineyard. A higher percentage of wild ferment this year has added to the lovely texture and spice notes from the schist soils of the middle river terrace of Cairnmuir Road.

Recommended cellaring up to 10 years."

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker:
Andrew Keenleyside
Viticulturist:
Mark Naismith
Harvest date: 17th April 2019
Bottling date: 20th Sept 2019
Brix at Harvest: 20.2
Alcohol: 11.0%
Residual Sugar: 12.0 g/l
Titratable Acidity: 7.3
pH: 2.93

