

Misha's Vineyard 'Lyric' Riesling 2015



Misha's Vineyard Lyric Riesling is rated as a '**POTENTIAL CLASSICS'** list in the **Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines by Michael Cooper.** This accolade is for a wine that in quality terms, consistently ranks in the very forefront of its class.

19/20 \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \checkmark \bigstar **5** stars "Bright, pale straw-yellow colour with slight green hues. The bouquet is elegant with taut and tightly bound, penetrating and intense aromas of lime fruit, white and yellow florals, a layering of toast and mineral elements. This is showing some secondary secondary complexity. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the palate is tightly concentrated with a firm, but fine core and line, showing intense lime fruit, florals and wet-stone minerals. The mouthfeel is enlivened by crisp, zesty acidity lending excellent vibrancy and energy, and the wine flows along a very smooth-textured line with delicate phenolics, leading to a long, dry, citrus-nuanced finish. This is a finely concentrated and intensely fruited dry Riesling with complex secondary toasty aromas and a vibrant lime and mineral flavoured palate. Serve as an aperitif and with seafood over the next 4-5 years. Hand-picked fruit, WBP, and 78% cool-fermented in stainless-steel to dryness, with 22%indigenous yeast fermented in seasoned French oak, to 13.0% alc., 5.5 g/L RS, TA 7.7 g/L and pH 3.0. 203 dozen made. Feb 2018" (Raymond Chan, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews)

95/100 \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar **5** stars "This is exquisitely expressed on the nose showing lime sorbet, lemon peel, apple blossom and jasmine characters. The palate is concentrated and focused with fabulous fruit purity and vibrancy, brilliantly structured by racy acidity, finishing impressively long and refined. Superbly balanced and poised. Style: Dry. At its best: now to 2025. Feb 2018." (Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.com)

95/100 "Fragrant, fresh and floral with aromas of jasmine, lime and lemon. On the palate - ripe with citrus, some white peach and honeysuckle flavours; no mistaking the minerality and abundant acidity punching through the palate like a rod of steel. Long finish, persistent & pristine. Drink now & through 2026." (Cameron Douglas MS, www.camerondouglasms.com)

5 stars \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow "This is the sort of 'dry' Riesling New Zealand needs a lot more of. Estategrown and hand-harvested at Bendigo, in Central Otago, the 2015 vintage (4.5*) is fractionally off-dry (5.5 grams/litre of residual sugar). It was mostly handled in tanks, but 22 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak barrels. Highly scented, it is full-bodied and tightly structured, with good intensity of vibrant, citrusy, appley flavours, appetising acidity, some bottle-aged complexity emerging, and obvious aging potential. Best drinking 2019+." (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)

93/100 "Dry, but not austere riesling thanks to just a hint of sweetness that is perfectly balanced by fruity acidity. Nice weight and texture with classic lime, chalky, mineral and wild flower flavours. Good now but should age well. Feb 2018" (Bob Campbell MW, <u>www.therealreview.com</u>)





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