

Misha's Vineyard 'Lyric' Riesling 2021

'CLASSIC' wine status - **Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines by Michael Cooper –** an accolade for a wine consistently ranking in the very forefront of its class.

5 stars * * * * * * "This is the sort of 'dry' Riesling New Zealand needs a lot more of. Estate-grown and hand- harvested at Bendigo, the distinctive 2021 vintage (5*) is fractionally off-dry

(5.3 grams/litre of residual sugar). It was mostly handled in tanks, but 38 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak barrels. Bright, light lemon/green, it is fragrant and full-bodied, with concentrated, ripe, citrusy, slightly spicy flavours, showing very good complexity, and a savoury, finely balanced finish. Best drinking 2024+. Dec 2022. (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New **Zealand Wines**)

96/100 Outstanding Pure, aromatic, varietal and expressive bouquet with a fresh lime, quince and apricot stone drive, there's contrasting floral scents of jasmine and white rose underpinned by a fresh polished stone mineral quality. Dry and very sleek on the palate with flavours of fresh citrus and lime-flower, some white fleshed stone fruits both accentuated by a backbone of

acidity and gentle white spice tension. Well made, lengthy and delicious, a perfect aperitif style and an easy match with sashimi and oysters. Best drinking from 2023 through 2033+" April 2023 (Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com)

96/100 * * * * 5 stars "A stunning rendition, the wine shows lime sorbet, lemon zest, apple and white floral nuances on the nose. The palate is equally exquisite, displaying outstanding fruit purity and focus, brilliantly supported by refined texture and vibrant acidity. Wonderfully harmonious and balanced with a persistent elegant finish. Style: Dry. At its best: 2023 to 2035." Nov 2022 (Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.com)

94/100 * * * * * * "Bright, even, pale yellow with a tinge of green. The nose is fresh, bursting with citrus, zest and spice. Medium-bodied, aromas of lime, tangelo and grapefruit zest melded with blossom and grounded nutmeg. The fruit is ripe with concentrated flavour and texture. Integrated acid tension provides a lively palate and carries to linearity. This dry Riesling possesses a ripe, concentrated

citrus core, zest and texture with well-balanced acid and persistence. Match with ceviche and crab linguine over the next 6+ years. Handpicked, whole bunch pressed, 62% was racked, inoculated, and cool-fermented in stainless steel; the rest underwent spontaneous ferment in older French oak barrels. 13% alc, 5.3q/l RS. 18.5+/20 (94 pts)" Nov 2022 (Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews)

Excellent "Floral notes, fine herbs, lemony citrus, subtlety yet rather engaging, opening up nicely. Richness on the palate with a tiny prickle on the tongue, fruit sweetness evident yet closes relatively dry. Florality again, green apple, excellent balance and integration with the backbone to see this into the future. Great length and draws you in." (Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times, April 2023)

