

Misha's Vineyard Review Summary - Aromatic Whites

New Zealand Whites: Never Gonna Give You Up
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2022 Riesling Limelight

93/100

The 2022 Riesling Limelight might be medium-dry in style but the way it finishes is just so tidy and textural that you want to go back again and again. It's succulent, shapely and structured thanks to phenolics and firm acidity providing a frange of tension. It may not be as intriguing aromatically nor as vivacious as the 2023 right now but it has concentration, balance and excellent texture. Apple, citrus and warming spice notes linger on the finish. 11% alcohol.

2nd Highest Rated NZ Riesling

2023 Riesling Limelight

93/100

The 2023 Riesling Limelight is a vivid wine style full of sunshine, brightness and a vibrant, perky nature. Clean, bright citrus and crisp apple flavours are joined by exotic floral and spice notes, as if you've just walked into some Middle Eastern bazaar. A splash of sweetness gives it a welcoming entrance before ending with a clean, refreshing finish. The final impression is pure, precise and perfumed. It's very invigorating. No need to wait to drink this but it should age gracefully in case you forget to drink it. Good luck resisting!

2nd Highest Rated NZ Riesling (Equal)

2023 Riesling Lyric

91/100

The 2023 Riesling Lyric has a sappy, lip-smacking style featuring notes of lemon, lime, apple and floral talc. While a mere touch of residual sugar provides welcoming flesh on the entry, the finish is long, dry, tense and grippy. While this is a little phenolic and firm rather than delicate, time will likely be its friend.

2023 Gewurztraminer The Gallery

91/100

Full and curved yet precise and pure, Misha's 2023 Gewurztraminer The Gallery, has a dry serious, concentrated expression. It has the essence of a wine whose aromatic exuberance has had time to settle and should be enjoyed in the next couple of years for its rosewater, sushi ginger and candied orange peel notes. The 2023 is scented and medium-long.

Highest Rated NZ Gewurztraminer

2024 Gewurztraminer The Cadenza

91/100

There's no mistaking the variety in this 2024 Gewurztraminer Late Harvest The Cadenza. Its inimitable lychee, rose petal and ginger fragrances linger long. The 2024 is unctuous and mouthcoating with gentle acidity. I advise serving this well chilled to give it greater tension and focus. Enjoy this in its first years for its aromatics.

Highest Rated NZ Gewurztraminer (Equal)

2023 Pinot Gris Dress Circle

91/100

The perfumed 2023 Pinot Gris Dress Circle is highly floral and spiced with aromas of pink ginger. Dry with pristine fruit, it's a medium-weight style with a touch of plumpness adding flesh to this otherwise focused and linear expression. While young and fragrant, there's no need to wait to drink.

2nd Highest Rated NZ Pinot Gris

