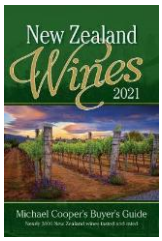
Misha's Vineyard 'Lyric' Riesling 2023

5 Stars ★★★★★ *"This is the sort of 'dry' Riesling New Zealand needs a lot more of. Estate-grown and hand-harvested at Bendigo, the 2023 vintage (5*) is fractionally off-dry (6.5 grams/litre of residual sugar). It was principally (54 per cent) handled in stainless steel tanks, but 46 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in seasoned French oak barrels. Bright, light lemon/green, it is mouth-filling, with strong, citrusy, peachy flavours, showing a distinct touch of complexity, and excellent vibrancy, depth and harmony. A highly characterful wine, already very expressive, it should be at its best 2026+."* Jan 2025 ***(Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)***



95/100 ★★★★★ *"A classic example of a crisp dry(ish) Central Otago riesling with lime blossom, and a suggestion of feijoa exhibiting wonderful power and purity with subtle sweetness balanced by exquisitely tangy acidity."* ***(Bob Campbell MW, bobcampbell.nz)***

95/100 ★★★★★ ***5 stars*** *"Pristine and elegant, the inviting bouquet shows lime cordial, Granny Smith apple, nectarine, and floral aromas. The palate displays excellent focus and linear mouthfeel, brilliantly supported by whispering sweetness and bright acidity, making it splendidly balanced with a sustained, delicate finish. Style: Off-dry. At its best: now to 2035."* Dec 2024. ***(Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.com)***

94+/100 EXCELLENT *"Delicious, taut, bright and fresh from start to finish, a bouquet of fresh lemons and red apple flesh, pear and white roses. There's a seam of stony clay soil ideas that shows more on the palate and accentuated with a lick of fruit tannins. A dry finish is contrasted by the core of ripe and fleshy fruit textures, a backbone of acidity and ever so soft savoury Central Otago spice. Well-made and lengthy, a wine that will age well yet offers great drinking from day of purchase through 2030+. I expect this wine to age well and look forward to the next tasting in a couple of years from today."* Nov 2024 ***(Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com)***

19/20 ★★★★★ *"Bright, even, pale yellow with some depth and a slight green hue. The nose is focused with vibrant aromas of lime, kumquat and blossom. Medium-bodied, dry to taste, aromas of lime and zest melded with kumquat, lime blossom and stony minerals. The fruit is fresh with good depth, a salivating acid backbone drives with precision and nerve to a lengthy, zesty finish. A class dry Riesling with poise and strength. Match with clams in seaweed butter and chicken terrine over the next 5+ years. Handpicked, whole bunch pressed and given a few hours of skin contact before pressed to tank for settling. 54% free run juice was inoculated and fermented cool in stainless steel, and 46% underwent spontaneous ferment in older French oak barrels. 13.5 % alc, 6.5 g/l RS. 19/20 pts (95 pts) Dec 2024"* ***(Candice Chow, www.raymondchanwinereviews)***

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