

# Rock Ferry Wines

## 2009 Rock Ferry Marlborough Late Harvest Riesling

- Vineyard:** The Corners
- Region:** Wairau Plains, Marlborough. The vineyard is situated within an ancient bend of the Opawa River and the vineyard name in fact refers to the shape of the road which follows this old river channel.
- Vintage:** The 2009 vintage was a classic cool climate vintage. Good spring growing conditions led to a hot dry summer. Despite some rain in late summer/early autumn the lead up to harvest saw dry cool weather providing succulent fruit with refreshing acidity.
- Viticulture:** Our aim is best summed up by 'fine wine begins with the vine'. Our approach is through organic and biodynamic viticulture (The Corners Vineyard is certified organic by BioGro New Zealand) where we strive for balance in the vineyard. This ultimately provides grapes that are a reflection of our particular site.
- Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested, crushed and given 12 hours skin contact prior to pressing. The juice was settled for 48 hours then cleanly racked to seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation with cultured yeast.
- Tasting Notes:** Pure botrytis aromas of honey, marmalade and apricot lead to a luscious palate full of creme brulee and subtle spice flavours. Long and flavoursome.
- Technical:** 12.0% Alc, 3.30pH, 7.3g/l T.A., R.S 143 g/l
- Winemaker:** Allan McWilliams

