

Rock Ferry Wines

2007 Rock Ferry Marlborough 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 2007 vintage was a classic Marlborough vintage. Cool temperatures over flowering (late Nov-early Dec) resulted in lower yields but this ultimately meant more concentrated and intense fruit flavours. The ripening to harvest period was characterised by warm, dry disease-free weather allowing optimal harvest conditions where grapes were picked on ripeness and flavours.
- 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 in conversion to BioGro certification) where we strive for “balance” in the vineyard. This ultimately provides grapes that are a reflection of our particular site or as the French say “terroir”.
- Winemaking:** Hand harvested and whole bunch pressed, clear juice ex press direct to oak and stainless steel barrel (50% each), pressings (25% of total juice) processed separately and blended back at pre bottle. Yeast 75% cultured 25% indigenous.
- Tasting Notes:** Lifted aromas of apricot and citrus blossom are supported with lime(y) notes. The concentrated palate has a wonderful intensity of citrus fruit flavours balanced by cleansing mineral acidity.
- Technical:** 13.0% Alc, 3.03pH, 7.5g/l T.A., R.S. 6.4g/l
- Winemaker:** Allan McWilliams

