

2009 Old Vine Riesling

Valli Technical Data Sheet and Tasting Notes

Site Location: Alexandra, Blackridge Vineyards Vines planted: 1980

Rainfall: 450mm Growing Degree days: approx 1200

Soils: Schist rock

Date of Harvest: 26-4-2009

Yield: 3.5T/Ha

Brix: 23.2

Fermentation: Stainless Steel @ 11-15c

Fining: None

Filtering: .45 micron

Alcohol: 13%

PH 2.94

T.A. 7.94

R.S. Dry

Total Production 301 cases

Tasting Notes:

Very perfumed and aromatically expressive, ripe white peach stone fruit, some floral /honeysuckle notes in background.

Great concentrated core of ripe fruit on front palate balanced by typical Riesling acidity which bursts out of the middle of the fruit carrying flavours with it giving the wine great length.

These are some of the oldest wine grapevines in the South Island and consequently have the root mass to fully ripen the fruit and add complexity from the soil.

Alexandra, having the country's greatest diurnal temperature range also helps the grapes ripen during the hot days but retain their acidity and vibrancy during the cooler nights.