

BIRD
Riesling 2007
Marlborough • New Zealand



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Winery Principals Steve and Caroline Bird
Winemaker Steve Bird

Wine Specifications

Cases imported	250
Alcohol	13.4%
T/A	0.61 g/100ml
pH	3.3
Residual Sugar	0.45 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	24
Cellaring	Up to 7 years
Harvest Date	April 7, 2007

Vineyards

Location

Old Schoolhouse Vineyard, Omaka Valley, Marlborough

Soils

Free-draining alluvial shingle subsoils with friable clay loam topsoil.

Vines

VSP trellising. To get maximum exposure in the fruiting zone, shoots are thinned and leaves plucked. Two rounds of cluster thinning ensure that all the fruit is hanging free and clear. Sustainable accreditation pending.

Vintage

The 2007 winter brought uncharacteristically harsh frost and the weather resulting in a significant reduction in crops due to poor flowering. However, the vines benefited from a forgiving summer with almost no rain, warm days and cool nights. The fruit ripened with consummate ease and the flavors developed a level of intensity and persistence seldom seen even in New Zealand.

Vinification

The key to preserving the delicate fruit aroma of this Riesling was a long, cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The use of specialist yeast strains enhanced structure and complexity. A minimalist handling regime and early bottling retained the wine's freshness and youthful exuberance. No oak nor malolactic fermentation.

Winemaker's Notes

Overall Impression

Keen fresh acidity, crisp dry finish, persistent flavors.

Bouquet

Fresh floral, citrus blossom.

Palate

Ripe citrus, threads of apple and melon, lingering mineral backbone.

Serving Suggestions

Shellfish such as clams, scallops, and steamed mussels. The acidity will handle cream sauces and dishes with some sweetness. Serve chilled.

SRP US\$20.00



“Roseworthy-trained Steve Bird aka “Birdman” founded Thornbury Vineyards with his wife Caroline before setting out on his own adventure after buying the “Old Schoolhouse Vineyard” in Omaka Springs. This is a source of very natural, well-crafted wines from an experienced hand and certainly a name to watch out for in the future.”

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate April 2008

Exceptional

Spiced, floral, and somewhat more exotic [than others reviewed]. We loved the 2006 and this wine is better.

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences, March 2009