

MUDDY WATER

James Hardwick Riesling 2007
Waipara • New Zealand



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Wine Specifications

Cases imported	56
Alcohol	12.9%
T/A	0.62 g/100ml
pH	3.10
Residual Sugar	1.6 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	22.0 - 23.5
Cellaring	Up to 10 years
Harvest Dates	April 10 - 20, 2007

Vineyards

Location

Sunny slopes in above the Waipara Valley (40 minutes north of Christchurch on the South Island). The fast-growing Waipara wine region has cold, frosty winters, warm, dry summers, and dry, sunny autumns.

Soils

Loam over calcareous clay on limestone bedrock (classic Burgundian).

Vines

Careful canopy and crop management, including leaf, shoot and fruit thinning. Accredited by New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing.

Vintage

Early budburst with cool and damp conditions until mid-summer resulted in lower than average yield. However, a warm, dry autumn ensured that fruit was in perfect condition at harvest.

Vinification

Hand-harvested. Very little botrytis. Sorted and whole-cluster pressed to tank. Racked off gross lees after overnight settling. Fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel. Cold stabilized and sterile filtered.

Winemaker's Notes

Bouquet

Intense lime and orange.

Palate

Lime and mineral fruit characters with some spicy oak. Concentrated and juicy.

Serving Suggestions

Serve chilled as an aperitif, or with grilled seafood or Asian dishes.

SRP US\$23.00

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"Commendable"

Robert Parker, May 2008

Best of the Best, 2007

A Muddy Water highlight; Riesling seems to boom from their Waipara vineyard signaling big things for the future.

F&B (NZ)

5 stars

Full-flavoured, medium-dry Riesling with strong apple and lime characters. Sweetness is balanced by fine acidity.

Decanter Magazine, February 2009

5 stars

Already delicious, this Waipara wine is a notably rich, medium style. Light lemon/green, it is weighty, with intense grapefruit/lime flavors, fresh, lively, finely balanced and long.

Winestate Magazine, Mar/Apr 2008

90 points

Crisp and elegant with lively, racy acidity and bright citrus; long, fresh, and beautifully balanced.

Anthony Dias Blue

The Tasting Panel Magazine, June 2008