

# MUDDY WATER

James Hardwick Riesling 2008  
Waipara • New Zealand



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## Wine Specifications

Cases imported	56
Alcohol	12.7%
T/A	0.73 g/100ml
pH	3.16
Residual Sugar	1.4 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	22.0 - 23.0
Cellaring	Up to 10 years
Harvest Dates	April 17-23, 2008

## 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.

### Vines

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

## Vintage

Early bud break was followed by some frost, however a warm spring and early summer allowed excellent fruit set. A hot and dry summer was followed by some very heavy rains in early February and cool weather through March, leading to a later harvest

## Vinification

Hand-harvested. Very little botrytis. Sorted and whole-cluster pressed to tank. Racked off gross lees after overnight settling. Fermented in stainless steel (no ML). Cold stabilized and sterile filtered.

## Winemaker's Notes

### Bouquet

Intense lime and orange.

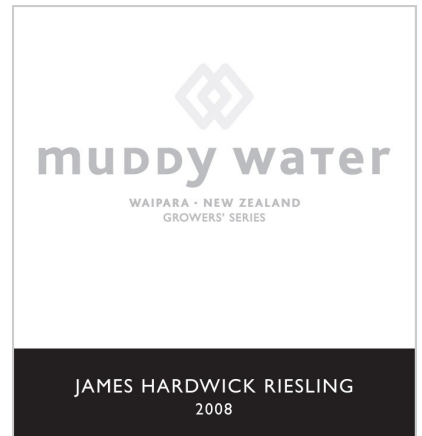
### Palate

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.

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Just off-dry. A lovely fruit character to this wine gives it immediate appeal with light foods and white meats, and still opening up. Finesse and a lot of longevity makes this a wine of some considerable distinction. A great Waipara statement unfolding. *F&B (NZ), Feb. 2009*