



VILLA MARIA  
ESTATE



## VILLA MARIA PRIVATE BIN MARLBOROUGH DRY RIESLING 2010

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Trophy [Champion Open White Wine] – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2010  
Trophy [Champion Riesling] & Pure Gold – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2010

### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Villa Maria's Riesling vineyards are scattered throughout both the Awatere and Wairau Valleys of Marlborough. The vineyards are managed to ensure ripe and clean fruit. Timely canopy management activities such as shoot thinning and leaf plucking along with an attention to vine health optimised the opportunity for the ideal vineyard flavours at harvest. The 2010 vintage was cooler than average, with regular rain up to late February, concluding with a long, and warm dry autumn. All of these factors contributed to excellent vine vitality, fruit flavour concentration and balance at harvest.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were picked in the cool of the night at peak flavour development. Each batch was lightly pressed and the juice was naturally settled. Cool fermentation with selected yeast strains was utilised to aid in retaining the delicate Riesling aromatics. The ferments were assessed and stopped with cooling to help form a concentrated yet dry styled wine. The resulting parcels were selected, balanced and stabilised prior to being bottled under screw cap to aid in flavour and aroma retention.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

A pure delicate and floral bouquet of sweet citrus-lime and fresh spring flower aromas. The palate is light bodied showing distinct fresh lime and citrus mandarin flavours with excellent fruit sweetness. The wine is nicely weighted exhibiting a mineral tone, well balanced acidity, and a smooth refreshing finish.

### IDEAL DRINKING

Enjoy now until 2014.

### SERVING SUGGESTION

Great on its own or with light fresh food such as a crabmeat and rocket salad or lightly spiced thai curry.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Marlborough  
Varieties: Riesling  
Alcohol: 12.5%  
pH: 3.0  
Total acidity: 7.9 g/l  
Maturation: n/a  
Residual sugar: 8.1 g/l  
Barcode: 9414416216015

May contain traces of milk and/or egg products. Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.

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