



PICNIC by Two Paddocks Riesling 2017

Red Bank Vineyard, Earnsclough

Central Otago

*Certified Organic

Featuring the Proprietor's Grandfather, Sydney Neill – Wine Merchant, on the label, Picnic Riesling is our perennial favourite and a wonderful introduction to the pleasure of Central Otago Riesling. We think it is just as much a dinner wine as a luncheon – equally enjoyable at home outdoors, as at the Captain's Table. Organically grown on two small blocks at Two Paddocks home vineyard (HQ), The Red Bank Farm & Vineyard, in Earnsclough Alexandra. Hand harvested and crafted in to a delicious off-dry fresh style appealing to just about everyone on the planet...

Vintage Comment:

After a very mild winter the soil temperature at the beginning of Spring was warmer than usual resulting in a solid growth start with reasonable bud burst conditions. The fruit set (bunch formation) was in the first week of December and was relatively consistent. This set up a reasonable and balanced crop load on the Red Bank Vineyard Riesling blocks. After this period 'The Wind' started and was relentless until the start of March, when thankfully the more typical warm and dry late summer weather patterns of Central Otago were experienced until harvest in April.

Vineyard Management:

Own roots – cane cuttings from Felton Road. Single cane, one bunch per shoot and very close planted at 5500 vines per hectare. Both shoot and lateral thinned to reduce crop load. Leaves that expose the grapes when ripening are also plucked off to increase sunlight exposure in to the vine canopy. Hand harvested on the 15th of April 2017

Soil: Schist parent soil material. Gravelly loam silt topsoil.

Winemaker's Notes:

White flower, frangipani, kaffir, lime and spice aromatics, leading to a textural mouthfeel showing brightness, minerality and drive. The wine finishes with a lithe balanced persistence.

pH: 3.00

TA: 8.7 g/L

Alc: 12.5 %

R/S: Off dry, 10-12g/L

Proprietor: Sam Neill

Viticulturist: Mike Wing

Winemaker: Dean Shaw

Bottled: September 2017

Total Production: 570 cases

Cellaring: 2017 – 2022