

# Dry Riesling 2021

AMISFIELD



## GROWING SEASON

Mild winter conditions resulted in early budburst and strong early season growth. Spring was warm with a distinct lack of wind which allowed the canopies to grow into the first lift wire early. Pisa avoided the frosts that hit other areas within Central Otago. Fruitfulness was lower than average, reflecting the effects of the previous summer.

Flowering began in early December before the winds arrived for the remainder of the month. This disrupted some of the whites flowering whilst a rogue mid-December frost burned a large portion of the Pinot Noir in Block 4. January began with a heavy rain event and the ensuing humid conditions resulted in some powdery mildew appearing. Fine weather through the remainder of the growing season allowed for beautiful ripening and whilst the crop was lower than usual, the quality of the fruit was very high. Judicious hand harvesting and sorting, resulted in very high quality fruit entering the winery.

## VINEYARD

Planted in the upper reaches of Blocks 1 and 10, these vines grow in stony Lochar gravel overlaid by sandy loam.

## WINEMAKING

These grapes were gently pressed and the crisp refreshing juice was allowed to settle on lees for 48 hours. The juice was fermented cool using selected Alsatian yeast and a pied de cuve was used to naturally ferment a portion of the blend. The wine was matured on light fluffy lees for 5 months before bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

Flint and wet stone open up to show lime and citrus peel on the nose. Taught and structured with a lovely mineral edge coupled with a salivating juiciness. Extended time on lees and maturation in part through large format oak show the wine drinking well now and with the ability to cellar for many years to come.

## HARVEST COMPOSITION

Brix 21.6  
pH 2.96  
Titratable Acidity 9.2g/L

## WINE COMPOSITION

Residual Sugar 8.8g/L  
Titratable Acidity 8.4g/L  
Alcohol 12.4%

### Vine Age

15 - 21 years (planted 2000-2006)

### Clone

GM 198, GM 94

CENTRAL OTAGO