

# Manu Riesling 2009

*Martinborough Vineyard*  
Handcrafted Excellence in Wine

**TASTING NOTES:** Our Manu Riesling comes from selectively hand picked grapes on Bernie and Jane Jackson's Riesling Vineyard. Manu is medium in style (approx 27.g/L residual sugar) with a ginger spice character coming from a mild botrytis influence. Aromas of kaffir lime leaves and grapefruit accompany the ginger on the nose, whilst the palate shows layers of suppleness, generosity and concentration. This style of wine is crafted to be enjoyed young but will cellar well for up to five years.

**VINEYARD:** Bernie and Jane Jackson's small 2Ha vineyard is planted entirely in Riesling grapes and is located on the prime Martinborough Terrace. The eighteen year old vines have consistently produced Riesling full of flavour, style, balance – all a result of being lovingly hand tended since day one.

We have gladly taken their grapes since the very first harvest and look forward to many more years of stunning Riesling coming from their vineyard.

Martinborough has a cool, maritime climate along with other beneficial climatic drivers including a rain shadow, one of the country's largest diurnal temperature differentials, windy springs and a long warm ripening period through autumn. All this results in a natural low-vigour site regulating crops and enabling high quality, consistent, ripe fruit.

**VINIFICATION:** With our Manu Riesling we are picking bunches with only a modest Botrytis influence to create a more generous sweeter style Riesling. These grapes are picked after the Jackson Block Riesling and are gently whole bunch pressed and cold fermented to ensure the wine retains its freshness and concentration.

**THE SEASON:** We entered the 2009 growing season with good soil moisture and warm, settled spring conditions ensuing an excellent flowering. This was ideal for even fruit formation and above average crop levels, meaning we had to carry out extensive fruit thinning and shoulder removal in January to reduce crop levels. February was warm with the occasional heat spike (remember the Melbourne wild fires) but autumn provided cool nights and ideal harvest conditions. Thankfully late Autumn rains came after the last grapes were picked.





APPELLATION: Martinborough Terrace

VINEYARD BLOCKS: Jackson Block

HARVEST DATES: 16th April 2009

HARVEST ANALYSIS: Brix = 22.7  
pH = 3.25  
TA = 8.10g/l

BOTTLING DATE: 13th October 2009

WINE ANALYSIS: Alc = 11.5%  
pH = 3.11  
TA = 7.0/l  
RS = 27.0g/L



Paul Mason – Winemaker

Martinborough Vineyard was established in 1980 by a small partnership with the objective of producing world class cool climate wines from classical grape varieties. We are located on the Martinborough Terrace Appellation in the south east of New Zealand's North Island. Our flagship wine is Pinot Noir with the portfolio also including Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling.

The appellation has free-draining soils and experiences cool climate conditions with long summers and low rainfall, comparable with Burgundy. Vines aged up to 28 years, a diversity of clones, and emphasis on balance in the vineyard all contribute to the complexity and structure of our wines. Our philosophy is "Handcrafted Excellence in Wine", and over the years we are proud to have stayed small, consistent and quality driven.

The winery and vineyard's environmental management systems are ISO 14001 accredited. While the company has an overall focus on environmental sustainability, in the vineyards we have moved to a system of management that focuses on soil health through the monitoring of soil, vine and vineyard on chemical, physical and biological properties. The philosophy behind this system is that healthy soils will produce healthy vines more resistant to diseases and insect pressures. In turn healthy soils will also be devoid of broad leaf weed species such as mallow, fat hen, and nightshade for more manageable, less invasive and less competitive grass types.

Martinborough Vineyard is a pioneer of Pinot Noir in New Zealand.



Some of our trophies include:

- Best Pinot Noir – NZ, Australia, Singapore
- Best Pinot Noir worldwide – UK
- Best red wine in the sky in the world – US
- Best wine of the show – NZ, Australia, Singapore