

BOTRYTIS 2014 RIESLING

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# HARVEST:

Fruit for this wine was harvested mid May 2014 from the homestead vineyard. Due to lower crop loads we were able to hand harvest the fruit at incredibly high levels of maturity and with outstanding purity, concentration and intensity.



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# WEATHER:

2014 promised to be an exceptional year for Marlborough. With warm weather during the day, cool nights and little to no rain through January and February, we saw perfect ripening and were tracking for an early start to harvest. Select thinning of some blocks meant we were able to run with perfect levels of vine/fruit and thus see stable and constant ripening. At the beginning of March there were a couple

of rain events, proving to be just what was needed with just enough water to freshen and lift the vines. Towards the end of April the weather turned and we experienced bouts of rain and little to no wind to dry things out. Those who had manicured the vines to sustainable fruiting levels bore out the benefits of this and had most, if not all of their fruit harvested and in the door of the winery with little to no effects.