

Millton Riverpoint Vineyard Gisborne Viognier 2015

The Story

James & Annie Millton established Millton Vineyards & Winery in 1984. Their four individual dry farmed vineyards are situated on the East Coast of New Zealand in the wine appellation of Gisborne. A small artisan winegrower, Millton was the first producer in New Zealand to gain Bio-Gro certification for organic wine production in 1989. Having practiced traditional methods of cultivation and production centred on biodynamic principles since inception, Millton were the first winegrowers in the Southern Hemisphere to gain the biodynamic certification Demeter in 2009. This involves growing the grapes without the use of herbicide, insecticide, systemic fungicides or soluble fertilisers, as well as adherence to the rhythms of nature; the earth, sun, moon and beyond.

The Vineyard

The signature range of wines are wines of distinction. Single vineyard varietal specific wines they are the product of almost 4 decades of blood sweat and tears. Expressive of terroir and traditional viticultural and vinification methods the wines bare the family name and the name of the vineyard to which they belong.

Winemaking

Hand-picked Viognier fruit from the 'Riverpoint' vineyard, vines aged back to 1997, 6% of the wine with 30 days skin-fermented and aged Viognier, along with 4% Marsanne and nearly 2% Muscat, indigenous yeast fermented in 300 L French oak and stainless-steel tanks to 13.6% alc. and 4.0 g/L RS. Certified BioGro organic and certified Demeter biodynamic.

Tasting Note

Raymond Chan:

"Bright yellow colour with pale golden hues, lighter on the rim. This has an elegantly proportioned nose with tightly bound aromas of exotic yellow stonefruits, citrus zest and florals along with apricot notes and hints of saline that form a concentrated core. This is fresh and youthful. Dry to taste and medium-full bodied, the palate has a firm core of yellow and white stonefruits entwined with exotic tropical fruits, citrus zest, nuances of apricots and saline notes. This has richness and concentration, and a near-unctuousness to the texture, balanced by alcohol cut and acid zestiness. The wine has strong drive, leading to an elegantly proportioned, lingering finish. This is a fine and firmly concentrated Dry Viognier with exotic fruits, citrus zest and florals, with good richness, drive and freshness. "



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Alcohol Percentage	13.5%
Residual Sugar	4 g/L
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Aging Potential	5 -7 years



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