

Fromm Riesling Spätlese 2018

The Story

The Fromm's returned to Switzerland in 2008 but the winemaking team continues to make Pinot Noirs that truly show the expression of the soil, Syrah co-fermented with Viognier, and we can proudly say that FROMM has the oldest single vineyard Malbec in New Zealand.

Georg Fromm and Hätsch Kalberer met in the late 1980s and decided to create FROMM Winery. Two The first vines were planted in 1992 under the guidance of our Swiss founder, Georg Fromm. years later, in January 1992, after the talking became planning, and the planning became planting, FROMM Winery officially started.

Since then FROMM Winery has built an international reputation by producing an array of outstanding wines that reflect both European style and Kiwi ingenuity.

The Vineyard

Initially, Fromm Vineyard was planted with a mixture of red varieties we thought had the potential to grow well in Marlborough. Over time they have refined this initial selection to Malbec, Syrah and Pinot Noir, and have expanded to include Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Pinot Gris. The terroir of this vineyard is heavily influenced by the Wairau River that lies to the north. The soil profile shows layers of silt and alluvial gravel that were deposited during many historical flood events across the valley floor. They have found that this layered soil profile produces distinct characteristics in the wines produced from this site. The wines exhibit a healthy, firm backbone and a distinct tannin structure that has become the Fromm Vineyard signature.

Vintage 2018

It started off very promising with even bud burst, no serious frosts and good, early flowering, resulting in a potentially generous crop. All the signs were for a hot, dry summer, with the Wairau river getting very low and the Southern Valley irrigation scheme was only a few days away from being shut down. Even though that would not have affected us directly, the fact was that we were dealing with a very dry and hot (drought-like) summer with unusually warm nights. This all resulted in enormous growth throughout the region, so we committed to regular trimming and leaf -plucking in order to moderate the overall vigour and to ensure a sensible crop level..



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Winemaking

Hand-picked fruit from the 'Clayvin' vineyard, Brancott Valley, clones 115, 667, 777 and small amounts of 5 and 6, vines 18 y.o., on heavy clay, destemmed and indigenous yeast fermented with whole berries to 13.0% alc., the wine spending 3 weeks on skins and aged 16-18 months in 10% new oak. Certified BioGro Organic. 600 bottles made.

Tasting Note

This 2018 offers instant enjoyment but can also age gracefully. Fresh and juicy with enticing vibrancy, the wine opens with bright green apple peel and ripe citrus (almost sherbet) fruit with a precise and direct flintstone minerality. The palate is sweet but not cloying, rather leaving the mouth refreshed and ready for more. The ripe generous fruit is tamed by a lovely phenolic backbone and tasty acidity. Be quick with this wine as we only made a tiny amount.

by fresh acidity and a mineral backbone. A sweet low alcohol Riesling of purity with focus and a long and cleansing finish .

Alcohol Percentage	7.5 %
Residual Sugar	87 g/L
T.A.	8.7 g/L
Aging Potential	7 + years



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