

Mondillo Nina Late Harvested Riesling 2018

The story

Passion for his vineyard, an inherent love of the environment, and a desire to produce exquisite wines year after year.... these are the driving forces behind Domenic Mondillo. Italian born, Domenic Mondillo was chef/owner of two multi-award-winning restaurants in Queenstown, before re-training in Viticulture and Oenology in 1992, and becoming instrumental in the growth and development of the Central Otago wine industry. Developing the Mondillo brand in 2001, this small, handcrafted single estate vineyard is located 80kms from Queenstown, at Bendigo. Mondillo Vineyards is a 22-hectare (56 acres) property that specialises in elegant Pinot Noir, dry-style Riesling, Rosé and Late Harvest 'Nina' dessert wine. Domenic Mondillo is driven to produce distinctive, memorable wines. He derives much pleasure in knowing that those drinking wine from Mondillo Vineyards will enjoy the taste of Central Otago in a glass of Mondillo wine. Mondillo Wines 'Some secrets are meant to be shared'. Salute, Enjoy!

The Vineyard

Mondillo is a single vineyard at Bendigo, a sub-region of Central Otago, that was developed and planted in 2001. The vineyard landscape is made up of three terraces consisting of free-draining alluvial soils. The vineyard is meticulously managed to produce low yielding, high quality, concentrated fruit. Mondillo fruit is hand harvested when the fruit is at its physiological ripeness ensuring the optimum flavors are captured with a true reflection of terroir.

Vintage 2018

2018 vintage contains 60% botrytis affected fruit after a warm spring, followed by the hottest January on record which meant we had to wait for the cooler weather to arrive before botrytis set in and the fruit was ready to be picked – May 8th.

Winemaking

Nina contains 100% Riesling fruit, and is only produced in years that natural botrytis occurs. Each grape cluster is carefully chosen and picked by hand to ensure that the best botrytis berries are selected.



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Tasting Note

Concentrated aromas of peach, citrus, honey and floral fruits. A softly concentrated wine, perfectly balanced, with a lingering apple finish. Enjoy!

Raymond Chan:

"Bright, light straw-yellow color with some depth, paler on the rim. The nose is finely proportioned with a tight core of ripe citrus fruit and floral aromas along with honey and nectar, a little marmalade and a layering of musky botrytis, unfolding nuances of minerals. Very sweet to taste and light-bodied, the palate has intense and concentrated, opulent flavors of citrus fruits with exotic florals, honey, nectar and musky botrytis complexity. The palate is underlined by fine fruit extract and phenolic textures, with balanced acidity lending freshness, vibrancy and cut. The wine carries to a sustained, decadent finish of honey and musk. This is an elegant, intensely flavored, decadent, botrytised Riesling with ripe citrus and exotic floral notes with honey, nectar and musk flavors on a fine-textured palate."

Alcohol Percentage	10 %
Residual Sugar	164 g/L
T.A.	10.6 g/L
Aging Potential	7+ years



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