

NEUDORF

## neudorf brightwater riesling 2009



"Neudorf is one of New Zealand's top boutique wineries...with Chardonnay - one of New Zealand's best, fine Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling and one of New Zealand's top Pinot Noir producers."

*Hugh Johnson, The Wine Book*

Single Vineyard

**"Very bright indeed! Super racy and only just off dry. Great balance! Very crystalline. Well made."** Jancis Robinson MW, October 2010

Ethereal, elegant and graceful – Riesling is so balletic – it is intense but delicate, weighty but light. Fruity but refreshing.

This 2009 carries hint of guava hidden among flowers and citrus. It has a perfumed and focused entry leading to wine which carries gently through the palate and with a fine juicy finish.

I think it a "little black dress" unstated, refined and appropriate on many occasions. It shakes it booty just a little at the mention of pan fried cod or gorgons of monkfish. At that will be the last time I slip into Nigella speak.

Riesling is a favourite at Neudorf and it is a satisfying wine to make because the grape speaks of the place where it was produced. Those roots are well past the top soil (which is largely man made and not unique) and into the deeper soils at 3-4 metres down.

### Technical

Grapes were hand harvested from the Elmside vineyard at Brightwater in early April at 22 Brix, 3.1 pH and 9.6 gL TA.

The grapes were whole bunch pressed on a long, gentle press cycle. The juice was cold settled and racked off lees to small stainless steel fermenters. A moderate temperature fermentation took place before the wine was stopped in a dry style. The wine was bottled in early September at 3.01 pH, 7.4 gL TA, 9.8 gL RS, 12.6% alc.

**"Neudorf Brightwater Riesling is a consistently rewarding wine, intense, and finely poised. Good vigour and varietal character, a tangy, tightly structured wine with citrusy, slightly mineral characters, lots of passionfruit and a fine sugar acid balance."**

**Michael Cooper – Guide to NZ Wine**



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