



HUNTER'S 2010 MARLBOROUGH BREI DECKER

This German-style wine is named after New Zealand's first wine-making pioneer, Heinrich Breidecker, who planted a vineyard in New Plymouth in the 1870's before moving North to Hokianga. In 1980, a cultivar derived from a Muller Thurgau cross with the Chancellor (a.k.a. Seibel) and released in Germany in 1962, was found to show promise in New Zealand.

The wine was named by the then CEO of the Wine Institute of New Zealand, Terry Dunleavy.

Winemaker's Notes

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 16 March 2010
Brix at Harvest: 19.0
Alcohol: 11%
Total Acidity: 6.4 g/l
Residual Sugar: 17.1 g/l
Bottling Date: 28 July 2010

Vintage Conditions

A very cool period from November to January resulted in decreased crop yields across all varieties. This cool weather created uncertainty as to whether or not the grapes would ripen enough for the up and coming vintage. Any fears of this were soon alleviated by a very warm March/April. Good clean fruit picked with no pressure from disease or inclement weather. Marlborough's cool nights and warm days enabled us to produce wines which are intense in flavour with good acidity.

Vinification

Breidecker is one of the easier varieties to make. The fruit is picked in the cool of the morning, quickly crushed and pressed into stainless steel tanks under anaerobic techniques. The settled juice is racked and filtered before beginning a ferment that will last about twenty-four days. We stop the ferment just before completion to retain a little residual sugar. The wine is quickly racked and cold stabilised before bottling.

Awards Bragato Wine Awards 2010 - Bronze

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