



Reviews & Accolades

MARLBOROUGH RIESLING 2007

INTERNATIONAL WINES & SPIRITS COMPETITION 2009

U.K.

Silver Medal

NEW WORLD WINE AWARDS 2009

New Zealand

Silver Medal

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Silver Medal

AIR NEW ZEALAND WINE AWARDS 2008

New Zealand

Silver Medal

BEST OF RIESLING 2008

Germany

WINENZ

Spring 2008

A dry, pleasantly flavoured Riesling with grapefruit, lemon and apple flavours in good depth and concentration. A fullish style with really good phenolics on the finish.

MICHAEL COOPER'S BUYERS GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND WINE 2009

Michael Cooper, 2008

The 2007 is still youthful, with fresh, pure citrusy, appley flavours, crisp, slightly sweet and balanced for easy drinking."

WINESTATE

4.5 Stars

Fleshy, ripe style with citrusy, slightly toasty flavours, showing balanced acidity and a touch of development. Mouthfilling and dryish, offering very satisfying drinking now onwards.

CUISINE

1 March 2009

4 Stars

Lanolin, fresh apples, citrus and the beginnings of toastiness are presented with finesse by the experienced team at Babich. An excellent food wine; try it with juicy pork and crackling. Dry."

TIZ WINE.COM

Giles Hine, May 2009

Wonderful lime and mineral aromas succumb to herbal lemony characteristics in the palate joined to a tart acidity. Dry with bold alcohol.

WINE ORBIT

Sam Kim, July 2009

4 Stars

The nose is pure Riesling displaying lime zest, floral and mineral characters. There's subtle sweetness on the palate with lemony acidity providing excellent freshness and zing. A beautifully structured and elegant Riesling with a lovely long finish.

GEOFFKELLYWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Geoff Kelly

5 Stars

Lemongreen. The Babichs have long had a feel for the riesling style, one I have followed since ordering their inaugural 1970 Riesling-Sylvaner direct from the winery. [Which incidentally raises the issue, it is a great pity nobody is taking the understated but at best demurely beautiful muller-thurgau seriously in New Zealand any more. In its subtlety and delicate flavours, this Babich Riesling reminds us that we could make a world-beating example of muller-thurgau as well in New Zealand, particularly given modern knowledge and practice in the vineyard, with consequent increases in wine depth and flavour.] Back to the riesling. This wine has all the floral delicacy of fine Mosel too, with a softness to the subtle limezest terpenes which, given the dry finish, is exemplary. If you have been disappointed by too many German riesling trockens and halbtrockens, try this New Zealand wine – a revelation. Being 'dry', it compares with the subtlest Eden and Clare Valley rieslings too, but is subtler again (though not as dry). Cellar 3 – 10 years.

WINESTATE

March/April 2010

Lemony and slightly toasty bouquet, with some development evident, and a crisp, dry palate, showing good depth.