



## 2007 SV GISBORNE ARNEIS 'THE LITTLE RASCAL'

### Winemakers Notes

The Arneis grape is indigenous to Piemonte in North-West Italy. Its name means 'Little Rascal' in the local dialect. This describes in two words just how difficult this grape is to grow and vinify. Vintage 2007 was stunning in Gisborne and it is being viewed by many as the best vintage in 30 years! Our pickers made two passes through the Bell Family Vineyard, one on 8<sup>th</sup> March and the second on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The fruit was in beautiful condition and was very ripe (25 Brix). The two parcels were fermented separately and then assembled for stabilising and bottling. Given Arneis' rascally reputation we ensured that our winemaking inputs were kept to an absolute minimum.

### Analysis

Alc 14.5%      Acid 5.9 g/L      Res Sugar 6.0 g/L      pH 3.40

### Tasting Notes

Colour: At bottling the wine was very pale with light green tints. With time we expect that it will develop some pale gold hints.

Bouquet: Like a Chameleon! Sometimes it's lemons and grapefruit, then it's marmalade, then it's peachy and sometimes a hint of feijoa is lobbed in.

Palate: Surprisingly rich, full and textural. The stonefruit character fills in the mid palate and gives the wine length and breadth.

### Cellaring

We don't believe that Arneis is a wine for the cellar. Our experience with Arneis from other countries indicates that it is best in its youth.

### Food Matches

Perfect with seafood and salads.

### Suggested Wine list

A full bodied, dry white wine rich in stone fruit character. Perfect with seafood and salads and best enjoyed young.

### Awards

#### **TROPHY & GOLD - International Aromatic Wine Competition 2007**

#### **5\*\*\*\*\* STARS - Winestate, Michael Cooper New Release Tasting, Issue Sep 2007**

*"Who would have thought Arneis, from Piedmont in northern Italy, would perform so well in Gisborne? Richly scented and mouthfilling, it is powerful and vibrant, with refreshing acidity and a sliver of sweetness. The flavours are concentrated, citrusy and spicy, with hints of herbs and almonds. Full of personality and delicious young"*

#### **SILVER Medal - Air NZ Wine Awards 2007**

**4\*\*\*\*\* STARS - Joelle Thomson's Wine Guide 2007** (evaluated after less than 12 hours being bottled !)