



2011 SV GISBORNE ARNEIS 'THE LITTLE RASCAL'

Registration Number: SW4E7DA4BC92

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 can be when the mood takes it. Spring and summer were challenging in Gisborne in 2011, but thankfully, superb work in the vineyard by Delwyn and Doug Bell allowed us to harvest fruit in beautiful condition. Tank fermentation and minimal intervention have allowed us to craft a wine that is full of life and personality.

Analysis

Alc 13% **Acid** 6.4 g/L **Res Sugar** 4.3 g/L **pH** 3.42

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 and 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

A lovely partner to elegant seafood dishes

Suggested Wine list

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

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