

‘THE LITTLE RASCAL’

2014 SELECT VINEYARDS GISBORNE ARNEIS

Sustainable Wine NZ Registration Number: SWC3FF3C4295

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. Thankfully, in 2014, Mother Nature was in a good mood and Arneis was too. This allowed us to harvest fruit from Doug and Delwyn Bell’s vineyard in delightful condition. The fruit was on 19 March, chilled and trucked to Auckland. It was then whole bunch pressed and tank fermented to allow us to retain all of Arneis’s juicy goodness. Bottling day was 18 September 2014.

Analysis

Alc 14.5% **Acid** 6.9 g/L **Res Sugar** 4 g/L **pH** 3.35

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. In the background, there is always a faint hint of aniseed.

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

Cellaring

Arneis ages surprisingly well into the mid-term. In the bottle it seems to become fatter and richer while still remaining fresh and approachable

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!

Independent Reviewer's Comment

“Scented, full-bodied and dry, with concentrated, ripe tropical-fruit flavours, finely balanced and lingering.” Michael Cooper

Awards

Gold Medal – NZ Aromatic Wine Competition 2016

Five Stars/93 Points – Wine Orbit Jan 2016

Four ½ Stars – Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide 2016

Four ½ Stars – Winestate Magazine May/June 2015

Silver Medal – International Aromatic Wine Competition 2015

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