

# Wild Earth

## Wild Earth, Central Otago Riesling 2012

### PRODUCER

Wild Earth founder Quintin Quider is an expatriate Californian who has spent many years living on the South Island. He has gathered a small, dedicated team to produce his Wild Earth range in Central Otago. Established in 1998, Wild Earth Wines owns 35 hectares of vineyards in two of the region's finest locations - at the end of Felton Road overlooking the Kawarau River and in the North Lowburn district beneath the imposing Pisa Range.

### VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine come from the Bannockburn Estate Vineyard at the end of Felton Road. The vines are situated on a broad terrace close to the Kawarau River with full exposure to the northern sun. The Riesling block covers just under two hectares and is planted with 4,977 vines. This harvest was the sixth time Wild Earth has made their own wine from this fruit.

### VINTAGE

The 2012 growing season started early with a warm spring. December this year was one of the hottest and driest on record in Central Otago, which meant that fruit-set and flowering was perfect. From here the season slowed with a cooler summer. High rainfall in February threatened the crop and controlling disease pressure at this stage was highly labour intensive. Fortunately, March brought classic Central Otago - hot dry days with cold nights - which allowed the grapes to achieve full ripeness before harvest began during mid-April.

### VINIFICATION

A single small tank fermentation was undertaken. The juice was inoculated and the must underwent a cool fermentation, where the temperature was controlled over a period of time. Fermentation was stopped by chilling in order to balance the natural acidity with residual sugar. The wine was fined with milk products then filtered before being bottled in mid November.

### TASTING NOTES

Pale straw in colour. Fresh citrus aromas of lemon, lime and mandarin orange fruit on the nose. These flavours are accentuated, alongside nectarine and stone fruit character on the palate. The 2012 Wild Earth Riesling is a dry style wine with medium weight and crisp, balanced acidity and a lovely lingering finish.

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### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2012
<b>Region</b>	Bannockburn, Central Otago
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Riesling
<b>Winemaker</b>	Peter Bartle
<b>Closure</b>	Stelvin
<b>ABV</b>	12.5%
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	6.2g/L
<b>Acidity</b>	7.43g/L
<b>Wine pH</b>	3.02
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl