

ATA RANGI  
· MARTINBOROUGH ·

CRAIGHALL  
*Riesling*  
2009

The sheer weight of fruit intensity from the long-established Craighall Vineyard has enabled us to produce a very classic, dry-style Riesling, with complete confidence in its ability to age. Like the

Chardonnay from the same low-cropping vineyard (located directly opposite the Ata Rangi gateway, on the deep gravels of the terrace) Craighall Riesling's power and concentration shows exactly what this proven site is capable of delivering from its deep-rooted, then 24 year-old vines.

It also shows just how delicious aged Riesling can be without resorting to overt sweetness.

Aromas here are less the typical lime-cordial profile of many young, New-World Rieslings, but lean more towards ripe stone-fruit and perfumed citrus blossom. Perhaps the most outstanding feature is the very pure, very tight mineral run right across the palate and through to the finish; a quality simply not achievable from young vines. We're excited to be releasing this wine at four years of age when the complex range of flavours, rich palate texture and steely minerality are so magically integrated. Though delicious drinking now, this wine has at least a decade more to dance...

Just 112 cases produced.

<b>Harvested</b>	30 March 2009	<b>Wine Analysis</b>	Alc 12.5% TA 8.1 g/l pH 2.9
<b>Vineyard</b>	Craighall Vineyard, owned by Ata Rangi and located directly opposite the winery block on Puruatanga Road. The Riesling was planted in the mid 80s on these classic Martinborough Terrace gravels.	<b>Winemaking</b>	Fruit hand-picked and gently whole-bunch pressed. Cool tank fermentation to ideal balance with an almost-dry perception on the palate. Final residual sugar of 4g/l.
<b>Harvest Brix</b>	21.0 Brix	<b>Bottling Date</b>	August 2009
		<b>Cellaring Potential</b>	Now – 2020

