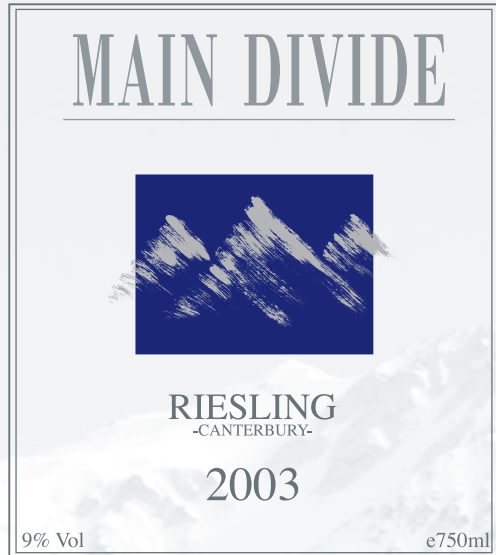


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WAIPARA CANTERBURY NEW ZEALAND

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A cool spring resulted in a small crop setting on the vines. The summer, however, was warm, particularly in the Waipara Valley ensuring splendid ripening. It was cooler on the Canterbury Plains, which lead to good retention of natural acidity in the grapes.

The fruit was harvested in good condition and the juice was allowed to spontaneously clarify by settling before fermentation commenced.

Fermentation was carried out slowly at low temperatures in order to retain fruitiness. The new wine promptly became clear and was then bottled to retain varietal purity.

Fruit from the Burnham and Swannanoa areas of Canterbury provide a strong impression of citrus fruits with hints of limes, lemons and grapefruit. They also give a spine of crisp, refreshing acidity, which will help the wine age gracefully. The Waipara fruit was physiologically riper and more lusciousness, with aromas and flavours reminiscent of peaches, nectarines and melons with a dash of tropical spice.

With its low alcohol content the wine is a perfect aperitif, but it will also complement a range of lighter foods, particularly dishes based on shell-fish, fish and white meats.

Wine is a natural health food.

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