

Tinpot Hut,
Marlborough Late Harvest Riesling 2018
Marlborough, New Zealand



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PRODUCER

Tinpot Hut wines are made primarily from fruit grown on winemaker Fiona Turner's vineyard in Blind River. Fiona, who has worked with Matt Thomson for a number of years, supplements her own grapes with fruit from other growers in Marlborough. The tinpot hut that gave its name to Fiona's wines is an old mustering hut in the remote hills between the Wairau and Awatere Valleys. The huts were used as a base for musterers as they rounded up the sheep that had been in the hills from spring to autumn. The name links Marlborough's past as a sheep farming centre with its current state as one of the world's most dynamic wine regions.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for this wine was sourced from two select parcels in the Awatere Valley, one at the home block in Blind River and the other in the upper Awatere.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was characterised by a dry spring & early summer. Regular rainfall required rigorous canopy and crop management with additional shoot thinning, bunch removal, and green thinning to bring the vines and yields into balance, producing fruit of exceptional character and intensity.

VINIFICATION

Perfect late season botrytis infection followed by a long dry autumn spell meant incredibly clean and intense fruit was handpicked in early June at optimum maturity. The fruit was transported to the winery to be macerated overnight. Once pressed, the juice was settled for 3 days then cool fermented in stainless steel using an aromatic yeast to enhance the delicate flavours, and to retain the fresh fruit characteristics and underlying spice notes. After fermentation, the wine was chilled and settled on lees for 3 months before being prepared for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Intense aromas of apricot mingle with underlying lime notes, hints of spice and aromatic honey. On the palate it is a luscious and textural late harvest wine with ripe stonefruit characters and citrus notes of lime and mandarin peel. The finish is both succulent and lingering.

Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Fiona Turner
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	10%
Residual Sugar	212g/L
Acidity	9.2g/L
Wine pH	3.57
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan