



2011 SV GISBORNE ALBARIÑO 'BELL-RINGER'

Winemakers Notes

Albariño hails from the North West of Spain and Northern Portugal. Our 2011 Albariño is the first ever commercial wine made from this variety in New Zealand. The wine is so named because it tastes and smells as pure as the peel of a bell, and it was grown by Doug and Delwyn Bell in their vineyard just outside of Gisborne. Vintage 2011 yielded a miniscule 310kg of fruit which is turn was vinified to produce a single barrel of wine. Post ferment our Albariño rested briefly on its yeast lees before being (very carefully!) bottled.

Analysis

Alc 13% **Acid** 6.4 g/L **Res Sugar** 4 g/L **pH** 3.42

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: Pure and fresh, with hints citrus and peach.

Palate: Medium bodied and zesty, with a lovely touch of minerality and great length.

Cellaring

We don't believe that Albariño is a wine for the cellar..... but we'll let you know in a few years!

Food Matches

Perfect with seafood, chicken and paella