



2013 SV GISBORNE MARSANNE 'ALLISON'

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: SW88676F93CD

Winemakers Notes

The growers of this wine are Doug and Delwyn Bell. Doug's pride and joy is his newly restored and running Allison supercharged V12 out of a Curtis Kittyhawk. This wine is named in Doug and Allison's honour (we aren't sure what Delwyn thinks about this). We believe it to be the first varietal Marsanne to be made in New Zealand. Marsanne hails from the Rhone Valley in France and loved the warm and dry conditions that typified vintage 2013 in Gisborne. The fruit was harvested in pristine condition on 21 March and started ferment in tank. It was transferred to five year old oak to finish ferment and rest on lees until the end of May 2013. The wine was bottled in June 2013.

Analysis

Alc 13% **Acid** 6.8 g/L **Res Sugar** 2.5g/L **pH** 3.36

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 of honeysuckle and melon.
Palate: Surprisingly full bodied and the wine has great length and presence on the palate.

Cellaring

Not sure about that. Wait a few years and see.

Food Matches

Richer seafood such as scallops or prawns, or roast chicken.

Independent Reviewer's Comment

"...this is a fleshy, vibrantly fruity wine with strong, ripe, citrusy, peachy flavours, lively but not high acidity and a full dry finish. A great debut for this powerful, poised wine, full of youthful vigour." MC

4 ½ Stars/Wine of the Week – Michael Cooper, Listener October 26th 2013

Top Pick – Jo Burzynska, NZ Herald Viva October 2013