

## ‘ALLISON’

### 2014 SELECT VINEYARDS GISBORNE MARSANNE

Sustainable Wine NZ Registration Number: SWED68C2CAA4

#### Winemakers Notes

The growers of this wine are Doug and Delwyn Bell. One of Doug’s pride and joys is his 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). Marsanne hails from the Rhone Valley in France and loved the warm and dry conditions that typified vintage 2014 in Gisborne. The fruit was harvested in pristine condition on 26 March and was bottled on 19 September. Vinification and elevage was entirely in tank.

#### Analysis

**Alc** 13.5%      **Acid** 5.7 g/L      **Res Sugar** 2g/L      **pH** 3.35

#### 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 stonefruit.  
**Palate:** Surprisingly full bodied and the wine has great length and presence on the palate. The finish is extraordinarily long.

#### Cellaring

Not sure about that. Wait a few years and see. It might be a keeper!

#### Independent Reviewer's Comment

“It is beautifully expressed on the nose showing rockmelon, citrus, jasmine and subtle spicy characters, leading to an elegantly weighted palate that is rounded and generously textured. The wine is flavoursome offering ripe fruit flavours together with bottle matured complexity, making it a delightful drink.” Sam Kim

#### Awards

**91 Points/Four ½ Stars** – Wine Orbit April 2017