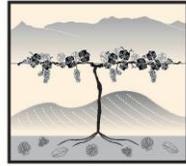


## LIME ROCK



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# LIME ROCK GRÜNER VELTLINER 2015

100% Grüner Veltliner (GV). Dry style. This is the fourth year we have made Grüner Veltliner - the signature grape of Austria. All our fruit was hand-picked from a small block on the north-facing limestone slopes of our LIME ROCK vineyard, near Waipawa, Central Hawke's Bay. This was a good vintage, although rain did threaten on picking day but stayed away.

**Vineyard:** The vineyard is on soft crumbly limestone (*Coquina*) embedded with 3 million year old oysters, scallops and multitudes of barnacles. Many years ago the Ruahine Ranges pushed up through the limestone and subsequent tilting and wind erosion deposited *loess* on the hills. This silty layer has good water holding properties and any excess moisture drains down the slope or into the limestone, consequently irrigation is seldom used. The *loess* layer is covered with a shallow covering of volcanic ash from eruption events and this provides natural fertility.

The limestone rock facilitates biologically active soils (earthworms love it) that give distinctive character to our wines.

**2015 Season:** This was a small crop from our 600 vines. The size of the GV bunches varied resulting in berries with different degrees of ripeness, giving a range of aromas and flavours to the final wine. We now have confidence that this variety does well on our vineyard site and the wine has a long ageing potential.

### Winemaking:

This wine was fermented in our small stainless steel tank and bottled on 23rd July, 2015.

<b>Hand Harvest</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015		
	Brix 23.9	pH 3.08	TA 8.6g/l

<b>Bottling</b>	23rd July, 2015		
	Alcohol 13.5%	pH 3.06	TA 6.1 g/l
	Sugar 4.3g/l		

### Wine description

This near-dry Grüner Veltliner has elegant characters of lime zest, citrus, spice and savoury tones with great mouth presence. The characters from the limestone and delicate fruit give length on the palate. Great match with many foods or as a pre-dinner drink.

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