

‘BELL-RINGER’

2017 SELECT VINEYARDS GISBORNE ALBARIÑO

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZW7ED7E696E

Winemakers Notes

Albariño hails from the North West of Spain and Northern Portugal. This wine is so named because it tastes and smells as pure as the peal of a bell, and it was grown by Doug and Delwyn Bell in their vineyard just outside of Gisborne. We have only used free run juice from the Spanish ‘Mass Selection’ clone for this wine. The block was hand harvested on 24th March 2017. Tank fermentation was followed by a period of lees aging before bottling on 19th December.

Analysis

Alc 13 % **Acid** 8.0 g/L **Res Sugar** 3.5 g/L **pH** 3.35

Tasting Notes

Colour: At bottling the wine was very pale with light yellow/green tints. With time we expect that it will develop some pale gold hints.

Bouquet: Pure and fresh, with hints of citrus zest and peach.

Palate: Medium bodied and zesty. This wine has a brilliant acid line and this gives the palate real length and vigour

Cellaring

Thus far, our Albariños have been aging more slowly than we expected. The wine is delightful in its youth, but may well age beautifully into the medium term.

Food Matches

Perfect with seafood, chicken and paella

Independent Reviewer's Comment

“Lemon-scented, with good intensity and vigour of youthful, citrusy, slightly spicy flavours, it has a salty streak, a basically dry feel and a firm acid spine” Michael Cooper

Awards

4 Stars – Michael Cooper’s Wine Guide, 2018
Silver Medal - NZ Aromatic Wine Competition 2018