

MAIN DIVIDE

by the Donaldson Family



Reviews & Accolades

RIESLING 2014

JOELLETHOMSON.COM

Joelle Thomson, March 2018

Exceptional

If all natural health food tasted as good as this, we'd be a happier planet; "wine is a natural health food", says the founder of Main Divide wine brand, Ivan Donaldson, whose four sons and partner in life and in wine, Chris, run the winery today. Main Divide is their gateway brand to the winery's top drops under the Pegasus Bay banner. And while Main Divide may be the little bro' to the winery's top drops, it struts more interesting flavours that you would usually expect for this price. It's full bodied, full of flavour and has layers of concentration from ripe mandarins and bold peachy tastes to layers of lime, lemon, luscious honey, a long finish.

Main Divide Riesling is an exceptional wine every year with consistent depth of deliciousness in every sip.

CAMERONDOUGLASMS.BLOGSPOT.CO.NZ

Cameron Douglas MS, June 2017

93 Points

Attractive bouquet of lemon, apple, grapefruit, spice, ginger and lime flower; honeysuckle and a core of apricot stone. On the palate - zesty, crisp, fruity and spice-laden; just dry with some residual sweetness from the ferment - adds to the creamy, rounded texture; plenty of acidity, great balance and length. Totally enjoyable example.

WINEORBIT.CO.NZ

Sam Kim, April 2016

5 Stars & 93 Points

This is cracking good. Richly aromatic and complex, the bouquet shows baked peach, mango, honey and mixed spice characters with subtle flinty notes. It is succulent and generously flavoured on the palate, enhanced by elegant sweetness which is perfectly countered by juicy acidity. This is not just for the riesling fans, any wine lovers will enjoy this beauty. Medium-dry. At its best: now to 2019.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, June 2017

4 Stars & 90 Points

Moderately deep tinted riesling, with a suggestion of honeyed botrytis character adding extra complexity to citrus, lime and apricot flavours. Medium riesling supported by good acidity and very subtle tannins to produce a distinctly Alsace-style wine. Drink 2017 to 2020.

OTAGO DAILY TIMES

Mark Henderson, July 2017

Very Good

Smoke, burnt match, orange and mandarin. Textural and with nice breadth in the mouth, this leads with honey and citrus zest creating a bittersweet note which really works and creates a neat counterpoint to the mellow sweetness. A crunchy, chewiness to the close and lots of interest here. Rather appealing.

WINEOFTHEWEEK.CO.NZ

Sue Courtney, November 2017

Golden in the glass with a bouquet of toasted beeswax and citrus honey, and rich and unctuous to the taste that's like concentrated grapefruit syrup with vibrant acidity honed beautifully by a lingering tropical fruit sweetness. Main Divide is known for spritzy Riesling, but the spritz has settled with bottle age. 20 g/L residual sugar.

MICHAEL COOPER'S NZ WINE BUYER'S GUIDE 2017

Michael Cooper, November 2016

4 Stars

From Pegasus Bay, this is a bargain. Showing good personality, the 2014 vintage is medium-bodied and tangy, with strong citrus and passionfruit flavours, a hint of oranges, gentle sweetness and lively acidity. Drink now or cellar.

WINEOFTHEWEEK.CO.NZ

Sue Courtney, February 2017

Moderate gold. Spiced citrus honey fills the bouquet and it's honeyed and luscious in the palate where the sweetness a foil to the refreshing acidity with flavours reminiscent of apricot jam and orange and lime marmalade with a slightly earthy undercurrent akin to German Auslese and lingering honeysuckle deliciousness. For fans of Main Divide take note it's not as 'spritzy' as it has been in the past.

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, May 2017

4 Stars & 17.5+ / 20 Points

Bright, even, light golden-hued yellow colour, a little lighter on the rim. The bouquet is firmly concentrated and solid in presentation with aromas of honey, talc, musk and marmalade from botrytis, underlined by subtle notes of ripe, but fresh citrus fruits. Medium in sweetness and medium-bodied, the palate features flavours of honey, talc, musk and lime marmalade that unfold to fill the mouth, lending presence and weight. The flavours are balanced by underlying acidity that provides poise and tension, and the wine flow with good acid energy, carrying to a long finish of talc and musk botrytis with underlying citrus fruit nuances. This is a rich medium-sweet Riesling with mouthfilling talc and musky botrytis flavours underlined by citrus notes on a poised palate with good acid vibrancy. Serve as an aperitif and with Asian fare over the next 3-4 years. Waipara Valley fruit late-picked with 60% botrytis and cool-fermented to 12.5% alc. and 20.3 g/L RS, ta 6.6 g/L.