

# MOUNT EDWARD

Mount Edward is a small wine grower located in the heart of the Gibbston grapegrowing district, 25 km from Queenstown, in Central Otago, New Zealand.

Co-owner Alan Brady was the first to plant grapes in this valley in 1981, fellow owner and winemaker Duncan Forsyth, has been making wine in Central Otago for the past 13 years and together they grow Mount Edward's wines.

Mount Edward's vineyards are in the Cromwell basin and Gibbston valley and using traditional approaches to winemaking endeavour to produce wines which reflect site and season.

## **Mount Edward The Drumlin Riesling 2009**

The Drumlin is Mount Edward's home block Riesling, the wine grown from vines that sit on a small, steep, north facing vineyard behind the Mount Edward winery in Gibbston.

Everything is done by hand as the site is too steep for machinery. The glacial based, gravelly schist soils give a nice mineral backbone to the wine with its balance determined on a year to year basis depending on vintage. Harvested in May at a very low 1 tonne per hectare, this Riesling is medium in style, the residual sugar balanced by a clean, crisp acidity. Delicate yet complete, this wine is drinking extremely well now but can be cellared with confidence for 5-7 years as a minimum.

Aperitif in style with a low 9.0 % alc.

49 grams residual

8.5 grams acidity

2.95 pH

69 cases made.

The name: The Drumlin – is Celtic for small hill of glacial origin, which is exactly how the vineyard site came to be formed many thousands of years ago. All of Mount Edward's key people have Celtic ancestry with the vineyard named by its founder Alan Brady.