



2025 CARRICK

Josephine Riesling

Bannockburn, Central Otago, NZ



Josephine Riesling is part of our Limited Release Range – rare, age-worthy wines crafted from exceptional parcels and vintages. Named after the decorative Carrick Bend knot, known to sailors as the "Josephine", it symbolises strength, elegance, and connection. Crafted in a medium-sweet, Mosel-inspired style, our sweetest wine is pure, expressive, and beautifully balanced.

Season Summary

A cool start to the season, reduced yields across several key blocks, whilst humid conditions mid-season triggered strong disease pressure, requiring careful vineyard management. Warm conditions in early March advanced ripening, whilst cooler weather later on, preserved freshness and acidity.

Vineyard

Picked on 1 April from the first harvest of Arthur's Vineyard, only the finest hand-selected fruit makes its way to the winery. The Riesling block, planted on its own roots in 1996, is a massale selection tracing its lineage back to the original vine material brought to New Zealand, preserving both genetic diversity and a connection to Riesling's earliest plantings.

Winemaking

Hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, then fermented using native yeast in tank. The fermentation is brought to a close when an appropriate balance of sugar and acid is found.

Tasting Note

"The 2025 Josephine is crystalline – bright, clear and zippy. Despite its sweetness, the wine carries a striking freshness and precision, layered with depth and weight. Lime, orange sherbert, ripe nectarine and peach notes delight the senses. Balances vibrancy with generosity – a sweet wine with a truly refreshing finish."

– Winemaker Rosie Menzies

Technical

Total Acidity: 9.6 g/L, Residual Sugar: <46 g/L,

Alcohol: 9.5% abv

Clone: Massale Selection

Vegan Friendly

Bottled: 26 August 2025

Cases: 275 x 6 bottle cases produced.

Recommendations

Cellaring Potential: Best from 2025 to 2035

Pairing: Enjoy as an aperitif with camembert or brie, or as a main with glazed roast pork and stone fruit.

