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**RIPPON**  
VINEYARD & WINERY



## Rippon Riesling 2002

**Vineyard:** Rippon, Lake Wanaka, Central Otago

**Winemakers:** Nick Mills & Team

**Soils:** Ancient ejection cone of Schist gravels

**Planted:** 1987-1991

**Vine Density:** 3800/hectare

**Fruit Handling:** Picked by hand into small, 10kg cases allowing the fruit to arrive at the winery's sorting table intact. It is then whole bunch pressed over 4 hours and run, by gravity, into a settling tank. 12 hours of settling is passed after which the juice is racked, retaining fine lees, into a horizontal fermentation tank (stainless-steel *foudre*).

**Winemaker's Notes:** The smells of schist and wildflowers lifting in mid-morning above Lake Wanaka! Clear acidity bows to precise and ripe flavors; tangelo and pink grapefruit, followed by a tighter citric finish.

**Cellaring potential:** 10 years +