



**THELEMA**  
**RHINE RIESLING**  
2002

### Viticultural Practices

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| Varietal      | : Rhine Riesling – clone 239  |
| Root stock    | : R99                         |
| Soil type     | : Hutton – decomposed granite |
| Age of vines  | : Planted 1984                |
| Plant density | : 3700 vines per hectare      |
| Trellising    | : Vertical hedge              |
| Pruning       | : 2-bud spurs every 12 cms    |
| Yield         | : Approximately 8 tons per ha |
| Irrigation    | : None                        |
| Vintage       | : Dry and hot                 |
| Picking date  | : 20 <sup>th</sup> February   |
| Grape sugar   | : 21.5 degrees Balling        |
| Acidity       | : 6,75 g/l                    |
| pH at harvest | : 3,15                        |

### Winemaking Practices

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|-------------------|---|
| Yeasts            | : Vin 7   |
| Fermentation temp | : About 15 degrees C  |
| Method            | : De-stalk, crush, pressed, settled and fermented in stainless steel tanks. |
| Wood maturation   | : None  |

### Wine details

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Residual Sugar | : 3.1 g/l                   |
| pH             | : 3,3                       |
| Total acid     | : 6,2 g/l                   |
| Alcohol        | : 12.6% by volume           |
| Maturation Pot | : Should peak in about 2008 |

### Winemaker's comments

"This is a beautiful, off-dry Riesling in the Alsatian style, that will reward good cellaring. It's an unusual style for this country, but well-worth exploring – these turn out to be wonderful wines after a few years in the bottle."

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