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# Wild Duck Creek

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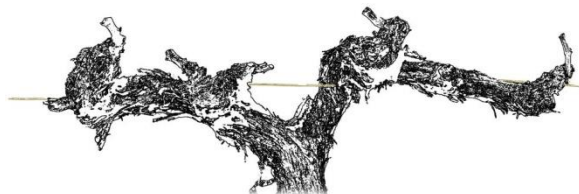
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### 2018 The Mallard Riesling

**Tasting note:** – Taken from the same 25-year-old vineyard in the cool valley of Tooborac as in previous releases. A short time soaking on skins pre-fermentation, then 20% of the wine was fermented in a new French oak puncheon, with the remainder in stainless. The aromas leap from the glass and are of lime and limestone, curd and green apple. The palate delivers a beautiful natural acidity, framing the pink grapefruit flavours and cumquat nuances. All leading to a thrilling tart and pithy finish. Bottled May 2018. Cellar up to 8 years.

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling  
**Alcohol:** 12.6% Vol  
**Oak Treatment:** 20% fermented in lightly toasted new French oak puncheon

*Wild Duck Creek Estate is a small family-run winery situated 8km west of Heathcote, alongside the Wild Duck Creek itself. David (aka 'Duck') and Diana planted the first vines in 1974 and in 1979 named the first vineyard "Alan's Cabernet Vineyard", after Duck's late father Alan. The "Original Vineyard" was planted in 1988 on land owned by Diana's parents. Traditional winemaking methods including hand-picking, open fermentation, hand-plunging, basket-pressing, and long-term barrel-ageing are fostered, as is the use biodynamic principles on their own vineyards. Duck remains adamant however, that it's still the vineyard and site selection especially, that dictate great wines. Second-generation winemaking has flourished for more than a decade through Liam, whose methodical yet innovative approaches merge fantastically with Duck's eccentricity – a humorous and brilliant concoction! The estate's passion is to produce extraordinary wines of balance and power that enrich and delight the senses.*



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