



Winemaker Scot Bilbro has been at the helm of Marietta since 2012; his father, Chris Bilbro, founded the winery in 1978.

Nadi Riesling 2021

Central Coast, California

ESTATE

Starting with only a handful of purchased grapes in 1978, Marietta Cellars has been a standout winery in Sonoma and Mendocino since the very start. Founded by Chris Bilbro, a Sonoma native with winemaking roots dated back three generations, Marietta rose to prominence with its revolutionary Old Vine Red, a California red blend that essentially created the category. The winery has slowly expanded its estate holdings over the past thirty years, evolving into a beacon for high quality, balanced Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, and Rhône variety blends.

WINE

Marietta's Nadi Riesling is the most recent and unique extension of the Family series. Nadi is an homage to Scot Bilbro's partner Lisa, who he says "creates as naturally and ceaselessly as she breathes, brightening all around her. Her path from Germany to India, Africa, and California is strewn with beauty."

VINEYARD

This Dry Riesling comes from a special vineyard in the Cienega Valley appellation inland of Monterey, California called Wirz Vineyard. These old, dry farmed, head pruned vines produce a small but concentrated crop. The second oldest Riesling in California, this block was planted in 1964.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Riesling

Fermentation: Nadi Riesling is hand harvested at 21 brix, whole-cluster pressed, and fermented in stainless steel. Fermentation occurred at 56° Fahrenheit and took 28 days to complete. Malolactic fermentation was prevented via temperature control.

Aging: Aged 10 months on lees in stainless steel for added depth and slight reductive undertones.

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINTAGE

2021 was a vintage defined by extremely low yields, a perfect ripening season, and great aromatic intensity and flavor in the finished wines. Due to the lighter crop the vineyards were able to ripen swiftly and evenly. Harvest started early and, as it was the second light vintage in a row, there was plenty of time and space to pick each block at the perfect moment. Between the easy flow and the concentration of flavors, 2021 was an excellent vintage.



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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2021 Dry Riesling Wirz Vineyard comes from some of the oldest Riesling vines in California; the head-pruned, dry-farmed vines were planted in 1952 in Cienega Valley on limestone. It's spicy, delicious and hard to put down, opening with gregarious scents of white peach, candle smoke, lime, biscuit and loads of floral perfume. The light-bodied palate is dry and shimmering, balancing racy acidity with creamy citrus fruit and flinty undertones, and it has a long, spicy finish." - E.B 10/23