

# VICKERY

RIESLING

WATERVALE

VINTAGE 2025 | WVR 0702 CBKBS

## Background

Founded to celebrate the iconic wines of the great John Vickery, Vickery Riesling produces wines that speak of place and purpose, helmed by accomplished winemaker Keeda Zilm. By focusing solely on Riesling, these wines showcase John's unparalleled experience and Keeda's mastery of the noblest of white wine varieties.

At the heart of Vickery Riesling lies a deep appreciation for our strong growing community in Watervale and Eden Valley. This community, consisting of friends and long-time contemporaries of John, plays an indispensable role year after year. Their unwavering commitment to quality in the vineyard ensures the production of consistently high-quality wines that not only reflect John's legacy but also contribute to the ongoing narrative of Vickery Riesling.

## Winemaking

Fruit for the 2025 Riesling is a sub-regional blend from the vineyards of our dedicated growers. The 2025 growing season was warm and dry, following a low-rainfall winter and spring. Early budburst and ripening led to a quicker harvest, with smaller yields yet fruit of exceptional intensity and purity. Despite the challenging conditions, careful vineyard management ensured healthy canopies and pristine fruit.

After walking the vineyards and tasting for fruit and flavour ripeness, Keeda decided that the first pick would be on February 7th. The picking date presented idyllic harvesting conditions with the cool, dry nights that Clare is famous for. Immediately after harvest, the fruit was taken to the winery at Watervale for pressing to avoid extended skin contact. The Vickery style utilises pressings material in the final blend to add flavour to the wine, with the press-cut happening a lot earlier than normal to retain flavour without bitter phenolics.

## Growers & Vineyards

- Castine** – Hayshed Block - 1999 plantings
- Blenheim** – Grace's Block - 1991 plantings
- Koerner** – G6/G10 Blocks - 2001 plantings
- Bryksy Hill** – Hickey's Block - 2003 plantings
- Stanway** – Slate Creek Vineyard - 1975 plantings



## Tasting Notes

- Colour:** Pale straw, with a tinge of green.
- Aroma:** Classic apple blossom, with hints of citrus and fennel.
- Palate:** Zesty and fresh, textural with delicate tannins. Buoyant acid, generous flavour; a wine of pedigree and purity.
- Cellar:** As with all Vickery Rieslings, this wine will be bright and fresh in its youth yet will reward careful cellaring for 10 – 20 years.

## Technical Details

**Alcohol:** 11.0%    **RS:** Dry    **TA:** 6.8 g/l.    **pH:** 3.0

