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Peggy's Hill Riesling 2013



Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 21 February-20 March | *Alcohol:* 11.5% | *pH:* 3.01 | *Acidity:* 6.8g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

Background

The riesling takes its name from a local landmark, Peggy's Hill, at the top of the range between Eden Valley and Keyneton. Produced from selected traditional Henschke Eden Valley growers, whose vines are up to 50 years old, growing in low-vigour ancient Cambrian soils at around 500m altitude. The Eden Valley riesling displays exceptional varietal and regional characteristics.

Vintage Description

The lead-up to the 2013 vintage saw an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes, into the 40s, over summer. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February, brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. Even after the *dry-fecta* of winter/spring/summer the word from the winery floor was that it would be another great Eden Valley riesling year, followed up with some great old-vine shiraz. Fortunately, a desperately needed 16mm of rain came, the first for nearly six months, at the beginning of March to help the dry-grown vines struggle through to full maturity. The roller-coaster weather ride continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but with a return to the Indian summer conditions in early April, it gave us a chance to get the late varieties in Eden Valley over the line, predominantly cabernet sauvignon and merlot, returning us to another great vintage of average yields and fabulous rock solid quality.

Wine Description

Pale straw with green hues. A lifted nose of vibrant florals, white roses, frangipani and almond blossom, with zesty lime, bath salt and lemon citrus nuances. The palate is focused with sweet, rich, ripe citrus and passionfruit flavours, beautifully balanced with fine acidity, and excellent length on the finish.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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