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Peggy's Hill Riesling 2010

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 26 February-8 April | *Alcohol:* 12.5% | *pH:* 3.13 | *Acidity:* 6.4g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the wine's delicate 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 2010 growing season was preceded by above average winter rainfall that built up moisture in the soil profile and provided water for the dams. Spring was mild with little frost damage and gave us an even budburst. The weather remained cold and wet through spring which held back growth until a two-week high 30s heat wave in November affected flowering and fruit set. Spring rains continued into early summer right through until mid-December, making it the wettest year since 2005. The vines responded to the heat and grew vigorously until early January, developing lush canopies, but bunch development suffered as a result.

A roller-coaster-ride of heat spikes and cool changes continued through a warm summer with occasional thunderstorms. The vines continued to look very healthy and went through veraison a week earlier than in 2009. Lower yields coupled with the mild ripening period resulted in incredibly concentrated fruit. Vintage began a week earlier than last year, on February 8, and was in full swing by mid-February. The white vintage was all but finished a month later, with no signs of sunburn or drought-affected berries. The red harvest continued with deeply coloured, well-balanced grapes being picked during superb mild, dry conditions through to the third week of April. The signature varieties of Eden Valley, riesling and shiraz, once again produced exceptional quality with great acid balance.

Wine Description

Pale straw with vibrant green hues. Enchanting aromas of sweet, floral citrus blossom, lemon and lime zest, rose petals and daffodils. A tightly structured palate with citrus flavours wound around a nice core of acidity giving excellent length and balance.

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Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
drink now to 10+ years.

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