



## Enchanted Garden of the Eden Valley Riesling 2021

**Dandelion Vineyards**  
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Our lifelong love of Riesling led us to Eden Valley's Enchanted Garden

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### Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although vigneron see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off and make our wish come true.

Our Enchanted Garden was planted in 1910 and thrives to this day, a 7 acre Eden Valley Vine Garden.

Whole bunches were hand-picked in the second week of March then de-stemmed without crushing the fruit to fill our press exactly. Juice from the free run and pressings were separated then fermented in a small tank between 11 and 13 degrees Celcius. The wine has a high level of natural acidity 7.6 grams per litre, a PH of 2.97, and although bone dry, only 11% alcohol.

This 2021 Enchanted Garden of the Eden Valley Riesling was bottled directly with minimal winemaking artifact to capture the essence of the vineyard, a looking glass if you will, and is ready to drink immediately or cellar for decades.

### Tasting Notes

#### Colour

Pale white-gold; clear, bright and engagingly luminescent.

#### Nose

Fresh! Red apples - both fruit and skin. And musk. Musk in its many guises and forms: sweet, floral, heavy, and powerfully aromatic. Underlying the top notes come citrus and citrus zest, and the blossom of both orange and lime. It seems at one moment too heady, the next too ethereal. It is riesling in the shadows.

#### Palate

And perhaps because of these beguiling aromatics this wine really does provide quite a lot of wine in the glass. There is a lot going on. Acid line and length act like train tracks along which glide mineral salts and sea asparagus, slate and fresh-running Alpine river water from a glacier's melt. It is citric and also succulent; the musk qualities return, enmeshed in the acid structure and the wine's purity and truth.

#### Drink

At 11% alcohol here is a wine demanding pre-luncheon attention, from simple charcuterie to home-shucked oysters. Fresh fruits and soft cheeses? Why not. But for every bottle you drink today you ought keep one bottle in your climate-controlled, internet-ready, drone-monitored, carbon-neutral eco-cellar. For at least 5 years. Then pork rilette with toasted rye bread, on a Monday in very late autumn, in a moment of tranquility.

#### Specifics

*Composition:* 100% Riesling  
*Latitude* 34°41'53" South  
*Longitude* 139°04'56" East  
*Altitude* 1501 Feet = 416 Metres

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