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2021 PEGGY'S HILL RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 19 February - 20 March | Alcohol: 12.0% | pH: 3.02 | Acidity: 6.89g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with lime hues. Fragrant aromas of lemon and lime zest, white peach and citrus blossom, with hints of ginger, lemon balm and white rose. The palate is concentrated and pure with flavours of tangerine, grilled lemon and crisp green apple, framed by fine minerality giving shape and focus, excellent balance and a long finish.

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

Following good (average) winter rains, budburst was even and buds showed good fruitfulness. Frost damage was significant in mid-October and early November reducing the flowerheads in the later-bursting varieties. Otherwise spring was cloudy with good rains pre-flowering, followed by short bursts of hot weather in late November. Most flowering was early, occurring from mid-November onwards with Riesling showing the most consistent fruit set, however the later flowering varieties were impacted by heat at the end of November and showed some coulure/shatter in the bunches. Strong winds on 5 December 2020 damaged the canopies but the slightly battered crop remained disease free. January was dry with a burst of heat prior to a perfectly timed rain event at veraison in early February. The lead up to vintage was cool, cloudy and mostly dry with the white varieties showing balanced acidities and good aromatics. After our coolest summer for 19 years, an Indian summer followed on through Easter providing near-ideal conditions for ripening of red varieties, achieving sensational colours, flavours and tannin maturity. Overall the wines show great balance and potential for ageing.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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