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Peggy's Hill Riesling 2012

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 29 February-13 March | Alcohol: 11% | pH: 3.07 | Acidity: 6.9g/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 La Niña pattern weakened during the lead-up to the 2012 vintage, resulting in below average winter and spring rainfall. July was the driest since the serious drought in 2003. Spring was mild with a few frost events; however, flowering and fruit set were affected by wet drizzly weather in mid to late November, leading to only average yields. Summer was also surprisingly mild with below average temperatures from southerlies off the ocean in January and only two short heat events, at New Year and at the end of February. This provided for slow ripening, which allowed for intense fruit flavours, high colour figures, high acidity and mature tannins. Rainfall leading up to vintage was above average, with the heaviest rainfall events in late January and late February, which tied in well with natural physiology of the dry-grown vines; ie, keeping leaves active at veraison and ripening. Temperatures were mild during harvest through March, warming to an Indian summer in April, allowing for a long window of picking and amazing maturities with the red varieties. Standout varieties were riesling, showing delightful aromatics, purity, intensity, excellent acidity and length of flavour; and shiraz, showing great purity and spice, colour, intensity and strikingly mature tannins. Yields were average with exceptional overall quality.

Wine Description

Pale straw with green hues. Lifted floral aromas of fragrant rose petals, citrus blossom and zesty lime. The palate is full of sweet, juicy fruit, layers of texture, mineral notes and crisp acidity, finishing long and clean.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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