

VICKERY

RIESLING

VINTAGE 2021
EDEN VALLEY

SUNRISE OVER
ZANDER QUARRY BLOCK

Background

John Vickery is the acknowledged *old master* of Riesling in Australia, with an illustrious career spanning over fifty years, culminating in the extraordinary awards tally of more than fifty Trophies and over four hundred Gold Medals. The Rieslings he crafted from Watervale (in the Clare Valley) and Eden Valley (in the Barossa) stand tall as the epitome of this most majestic grape variety, each with a unique South Australian and sub-regional thumbprint. Vickery wines are made in collaboration with our talented winemaking team, so that John's winemaking methods and knowledge will be preserved and passed on for generations to come, for the benefit of all lovers of classic Australian Riesling.

Winemaking

The 2021 vintage produced wines of exceptional quality from Eden Valley. The season started with promising rainfall and idyllic winter conditions. The following Spring and Summer were dry, once again with below average rainfalls which resulted in lower-than-average yields. The resulting wines are delicate and expressive, with bright natural acidity and intense flavours.

The 2021 vintage parcels were sourced from selected blocks on the Zander and Mason family vineyards, with each site possessing the perfect conditions for premium Riesling grapes - cooler climate, rocky granite soils and 400+ metre altitude.

Harvest occurred on the 23rd of February and the 4th of March respectively - the time in between harvesting each parcel shows the incredible diversity within Eden Valley, and the impact of sub-regions and microclimates on picking decisions and ultimately, wine style. The grapes were processed immediately to avoid extended skin contact. As is the Vickery way, winemaker Keeda Zilm also strategically incorporated pressing-material in the final blend to add flavour and texture to the wine. The pressings cut is taken a lot earlier than normal to retain flavour without extracting bitter phenolics. The blend was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel to maintain freshness.

Tasting Notes

Colour: Pale straw, green hues.

Aroma: Beautifully perfumed with classic notes of honeyed blossom, citrus curd and fresh lime.

Palate: A wine that showcases the purity of Riesling - Powerful yet elegant with subtle tones of citrus and stone fruit.

Food Match: Grilled scallops with nori, ginger and finger lime, or a red kingfish curry.

Cellaring: A Riesling with beautiful purity and prettiness in youth, promises to be a wonderful wine to age - 10+ years.

Analysis

Alcohol: 12.0% **TA:** 6.4 g/L
RS: 0.7 g/l (dry). **pH:** 3.03

