

# VICKERY

RIESLING

VINTAGE 2022

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## WATERVALE RIESLING

### 95 Points – Jeni Port, Wine Pilot.

“What’s better than one great vintage? Two great vintages in a row. Clare Valley winemakers must be wondering what they did right to earn two fantastic years side by side: 2021 and 2022. Riesling lovers are in seventh heaven. In the hands of masters like Keeda Zilm and the legendary John Vickery, great fruit becomes great wine. The Vickery Watervale Riesling ’22 is a real beauty. Intense, aromatic and in balance with citrus blossom, lime cordial, grapefruit and green apple layers underscored by taut acidity. Just grape, acidity and a little alcohol (12%), nothing else. What a magical mix. Precision plus, and all the ingredients are here for a long life.”

### 95 Points – Aaron Brasher, The Real Review (#5 of 55 Clare Valley Riesling)

“Pale straw in the glass, fresh and bright. Fragrant and pretty, lemon juice, lemon blossom, bath salts and wet stone. The palate is fine, focussed and has a steely, driven line of acidity running through it. Lovely brightness, poise and presence.”

### 95 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit.

“Expressing precision and awesome clarity, the wine shows Granny Smith apple, lime sorbet and wet limestone notes on the nose, leading to a concentrated palate displaying outstanding tension and persistency. Gracefully slim and super long on the finish with mouth-watering flavours. At its best: 2025 to 2038.”

### 94 Points – Erin Larkin, Wine Advocate.

“Where the Eden Valley Riesling speaks of rocks and flowers, this 2022 Watervale Riesling is all lime flesh, green apples and salted citrus. It has a fleshy/pillowy lavender character that laces both the aromas and the palate, making for a very complex, focused wine. There’s a soft talc/powder inflection through the wine. It’s very smart.”

### 93 Points – Steve Lesczynski, Q Wines.

“Pretty white flowers, a subtle bath powder and a musky perfume get you in the mood. There is a bit more going on aromatically with this Vickery Watervale Riesling - a little more than its Eden Valley stablemate. Lime cordial and lime pith fuse along with some apple sours and white stone fruits to deliver a wonderfully refreshing Riesling. A zippy and zesty finish kicks things along to ensure the glass is emptied in quick time. Very well done.”



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## EDEN VALLEY RIESLING

### 95 Points – Dave Brookes, Halliday Wine Companion.

“A rapier-like release from riesling master John Vickery that celebrates all that is great about the Eden Valley. It’s a picture of purity, precision and velocity with tight, limey fruit cut with high tones of Christmas lily, crushed quartz, orange blossom and river stone. Tight, vivid acidity has the wine riding on rails and setting a brisk cadence with uber-pure lime fruits powering through to the finish. It’s quite lovely.”

### 95 Points – Andrew Caillard, The Vintage Journal.

“Pale green gold. Beautifully perfumed wine with classic lime, lemon, green apple, slatey aromas with hint of verbena, quince and jasmine. Lovely fruit sweetness, pure lemon, lime, green apple flavours carried by coiled acidity and appealing creamy texture. Elegant, ethereal with a promising future.”

### 95 Points – Jeni Port, Wine Pilot.

“Open a bottle, pour a glass and stand back. Prepare yourself for the aromatic scent that can hit you like a hammer. This vintage is chock full of everything we love about Eden Valley Riesling in spades. My notes started to look like a shopping list: talc, white flowers, bath salts, white pepper, Thai basil, green apple, green papaya and, finally, dusty lemon. I added preserved lemon and ginger to the list when I finally tore myself away from the perfume and tasted the wine. You might say it’s a complex, yes. Acidity is keen, a might sharper or at least more pronounced than its sister Riesling from Watervale and it’s sustained from go to whoa with good depth of concentration. Another ’22 riesling for the cellar – I suspect that cellar is about to get pretty crowded.”

### 95 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit.

“This is elegantly fragrant on the nose showing white flesh nectarine, fig, crunchy apple and lemon pith notes, leading to a finely expressed palate that’s sleek and lingering. Gorgeously poised and enticing with a sustained structured finish. At its best: 2025 to 2038.”

### 94 Points – Erin Larkin, Wine Advocate.

“This 2022 Eden Valley Riesling is exceptional: briny and taut, and the nose is layered with crushed rocks (quartz, white things), spring flowers, lemon zest and preserved citrus. In the mouth, the wine carries the austere salty character and expresses its tightly coiled, springy fruit profile as it unfurls through the long finish. It’s a very smart, tense wine.”

### 94 Points – Tim White, timwhite.com.au

Slightly puckered, fuzzy-smelling yellow stone-fruit, plus dehydrated peel tang. Rosemary in bianco (don’t know where this descriptor came from). Palate is plump and just a bit creamy through the middle, with more puckered, stone-fruit flowing over icy river pebbles. Easy going, yet just a little bit grippy. Tasty grippy. Not one to keep long methinks — a few years though at least — but certainly one to drink. Now.

