



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2012 Riesling

At Hentley Farm, only wine grown on site is permitted to wear the Hentley Farm label. This Riesling is the one exception to that rule...

Winemaker Andrew Quin and Vineyard Manager Greg Mader were set the challenge: to create a world-class Riesling for the Hentley Farm range. For them the answer was simple - head over the range and into Eden Valley.

Variety

100% Riesling - Single block

Background

The fruit is from a small, high altitude (420m) block of Eden Valley Riesling vines, situated on Heggies Boundary road. Planted in 1981 on shallow grey sandy loam soils with underlying granite, on a south-east facing slope, this block provides the ideal site characteristics for premium Riesling production. - Vineyard Manager, Greg Mader

Vintage

2012 - Great winter rainfall left the soil profile full which allowed the vines to have a great start for the growing season ahead with a lush and vibrant canopy. Fantastic climatic conditions were the key to the 2012 vintage. Mild days and cool nights with timely rainfall events were the highlights. This consequently reduced the pressure of pest and diseases, flowering and fruit set issues etc. The Eden Valley 2012 Riesling was picked around a month earlier than the previous vintage. Having this early pick resulted in the grapes obtaining early varietal flavour development and thus retain its natural acidity. Overall, this beautiful ripening period allowed us to produce arguably our best Riesling yet.

Harvested (hand-picked) : 3 March

Winemaking

A week of per-ferment solid suspension was followed by a cool fermentation lasting 15 days. Minimal acid and fining additions were used to prepare the wine for bottling in early July 2012. – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

The aromatic profile of this wine shows the traditional citrus influence of lime zest combined with a tropical influence specific to the block and evidence of a warm consistent growing season. Look for lifted aromatics of Pineapple, Passionfruit and Paw Paw with further complexity added by a light floral character of lavender and a dry Riesling minerality. The palate combines strong weight and texture with balanced acid lines and an impressive fruit intensity that mirrors the aromatic profile. Drink now as a young aromatic white or cellar for 10+ years.

Bottled: July 2012

Drink: now - 2022

Analysis:	Alcohol	12.5%	RS	1.5/L	Acid	8.1	pH	2.85
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Reviews & Accolades

2011 - 93 points James Halliday, 91+ points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

2010 - 94 points James Halliday

2009 - 93 points Huon Hooke

