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BAROSSA VALLEY



2018 Riesling Eden Valley

Winemaker: Christa Deans

Eden Valley Riesling is prized for its vibrancy and longevity and the region has produced many of Australia's great Rieslings. This is another outstanding release from Christa Deans, known worldwide for her expertise with this varietal.

THE VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this Riesling is sourced from four distinct blocks in two Eden Valley vineyards - one being Christa's own vineyard on the western side of the Valley, with supplemental fruit from a select grower in the township of Eden Valley. Warm days and cool nights in this higher altitude, sub region of the Barossa ensure that the grapes develop ripe, intense fruit flavours while still retaining appealing acidity.

THE VINTAGE:

After reasonable winter and spring rainfall, soil moisture was adequate during the 2018 growing season and the Barossa's vineyards were exhibiting healthy canopies heading into summer. Jan and Feb were warm and dry, with very warm temperatures in Feb slowing down the pace of ripening, allowing good flavour to develop more slowly. The warm, dry Summer extended throughout the harvest season until the end of April. Overall yields were 10-20% down, but quality high.

THE WINEMAKING:

The four vineyard blocks were harvested from the 9th to 15th March & the batches of fruit were processed and fermented separately in the winery. The resulting wines were blended together and then bottled at the end of May.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 12.4%, Acidity 6.93 g/l, pH 3.0

THE PROFILE:

This 2018 Riesling displays delicate rose floral and musk aromas with zesty, ripe lime notes on the nose. The wine has a good acidity with vibrant citrus and Fuji apple flavours that linger really well on the palate.

CELLARING:

Vibrant and fresh now, it will also reward those who are able to wait. Drink to 2032.

REVIEWS:

2016 EDEN VALLEY RIESLING: Rating - 95 points, Drink to 2031

A delicate riesling of lime juice and spring water, honey blossom and quince. The wine is of a slate-like texture, dry and balletic; drawn long and taut by juicy, ever-flowing acidity showcasing fine intensity of flavour.

2017 EDEN VALLEY RIESLING: Halliday review to be published July 2018.

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