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2026 PEGGY'S HILL

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 3 – 30 March | Alcohol: 11.7% | pH: 2.93 | Acidity: 7.3g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with green-gold hues. Fragrant aromas of citrus blossom, Meyer lemon, lime zest, green apple and white peach. A vibrant palate reveals fresh-cut lemon, yellow grapefruit and finger lime, interwoven with subtle notes of chamomile and jasmine, supported by crisp acidity, leading to a long, pure finish.

BACKGROUND

This riesling takes its name from a local landmark, Peggy Hill, at the top of the range between the villages of Eden Valley and Keyneton. It is produced from a selection of longstanding Eden Valley riesling growers, whose vines range from 10 to 70 years of age, growing in low-vigour, ancient Cambrian soils at around 500m altitude. Fourth-generation winemaker Cyril Henschke began building a reputation for premium Eden Valley riesling from 1961. The region's continental climate and sandy loam soils provide ideal conditions for producing riesling wines.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The lead up to the 2026 season was shaped by below-average rainfall, while a warm spring resulted in even budburst and strong early shoot growth. Above-average rainfall through late October and November sustained vine growth, although a severe frost event on 12 November affected vineyards across the region. A cooler end to spring delayed flowering by one to two weeks later than average, avoiding the earlier frost event and much of the late spring rainfall. A mild, dry start to summer saw two weeks of 40°C heatwaves during January, however careful vineyard management protected the fruit through the extreme conditions. Eden Valley received two significant rain events in the lead-up to harvest, with the mild weather that followed providing a long, slow ripening period, helping to achieve optimal flavour development, fruit concentration and balanced acidity. Vintage began in late February, delivering moderate yields of excellent quality and varietal expression.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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