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2023 PEGGY'S HILL

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 14 March – 5 April | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 2.99 | Acidity: 9.0g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green hues. Fragrant aromas of frangipani, white rose, almond blossom, lime leaf and white musk, with hints of jasmine and fresh herbs. The palate is intense and pure with flavours of lemon rind, lime and white stone fruit, balanced by fine mineral acidity and excellent length.

BACKGROUND

This riesling takes its name from a local landmark, Peggy's 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. Peggy's Hill riesling displays exceptional varietal and regional characteristics.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

While the winter of 2022 saw average rainfall, the latter part of the year brought cooler and above average wet weather. This led to poor flower set and encouraged the spread of downy mildew. A hail flurry on 23 January caused some damage to the green berries, which became sites for botrytis infections later during ripening. The cool lead up to vintage resulted in a slow ripening period, allowing for great flavour development and acid retention. Rainfall during harvest encouraged the growth of botrytis, but careful hand selection during picking delivered good quality fruit. Despite the challenges, the 2023 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines with riesling, semillon and shiraz the standout varieties.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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