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2025 PEGGY'S HILL

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 11 February – 5 March | Alcohol: 11.7% | pH: 2.83 | Acidity: 7.4g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with green hues. Delicate aromas of citrus blossom, lime zest and jasmine are layered with white peach, lemon sorbet and a hint of pear skin. A vibrant and pure palate reveals lemon, lime and white nectarine, supported by crisp acidity, fine mineral texture and a long, focused 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 2025 growing season began under continued dry conditions, with below-average winter rainfall failing to replenish soil moisture. Unseasonably warm late-winter weather prompted an early budburst, followed by a devastating frost event in mid-September that caused widespread damage across much of south-eastern Australia. Remarkably, vine recovery exceeded expectations, with fruitful secondary buds forming bunches on new shoots. Supplementary irrigation was required to maintain vine health throughout winter, spring, and summer. Although yields were expected to be low, they surpassed conservative estimates. Like spring, summer also arrived early, with a warming trend from mid-November laying the foundation for one of the hottest and driest seasons in living memory. Fortunately, early February saw only short bursts of heat. Eden Valley riesling fared well, with harvest occurring in the cooler part of February.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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