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2020 PEGGY'S HILL RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 1 - 13 March | Alcohol: 12.0% | pH: 2.97 | Acidity: 6.77g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with lime hues. Lifted and perfumed aromas of citrus, almond blossom, jasmine and frangipani with notes of lemon zest, kaffir lime leaf and lemon thyme. The palate is fruit-focused with concentrated lime juice, green apple and stone-fruit flavours, supported by clean, crisp acidity and great length.

BACKGROUND

The riesling takes its name from a local landmark, Peggy's Hill, at the top of the range between Eden Valley and Keyneton. Produced from selected traditional Henschke Eden Valley growers, whose vines are up to 50 years old, growing in low-vigour ancient Cambrian soils at around 500m altitude. The Eden Valley riesling displays exceptional varietal and regional characteristics.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2020 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines from the Eden Valley, albeit a meagre production due to reduced yields caused by a number of poor conditions at flowering and the extremely dry winter, spring and summer of 2019/20. The 2019 winter and spring resulted in the driest start to the growing season ever, in line with 1939 and 1961. November was a challenging month with frosty, wet and windy conditions during flowering. Significant heatwaves from mid-December to the end of January reduced shoot growth and berry size, however at the end of the month around 40mm of rain fell, alleviating the stress just before veraison, followed by a cool ripening period in February with just three days over 30°C. Vintage was early, beginning in late February and finishing by early April. The grapes ripened in near-perfect conditions, resulting in optimal and excellent wine quality (colour, aromatics, flavours and tannin maturity). Bunches were in loose, open and pristine clusters, while the yield remained very low, at about 10% of average. The 2020 whites are finely structured, balanced and fragrant.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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