



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2017 PEGGY'S HILL RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 14 March – 11 April | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 2.98 | Acidity: 6.81g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw in colour with green hues. Vibrant aromas of lime and lemon zest, flowering lavender, white rose and citrus blossom are met by notes of stone-fruit and green peppercorn. An intense and generous palate of concentrated lemon, lime zest and stone-fruit flavours are perfectly balanced with peppercorn spice, pure citrus acidity and a tightly wound core, that leads to a crisp, dry and exquisitely long finish.

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

A later start to picking and a mild period of ripening finished with the last grapes being picked in mid-May. A wet 2016 winter gave us a good foundation for our predominantly dry-grown vines on their own roots, and a cool, wet and fiercely windy spring followed, with a slightly higher spring rainfall than the Barossa Valley, which delayed flowering, though conditions during set meant that yields were at average levels. A mild summer with regular rainfall events followed, which allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity. The significant rainfall events largely missed our area and therefore we harvested the majority of our grapes in healthy condition. As always, careful hand picking in the vineyard and sorting of grapes as they were processed made sure that quality was not compromised. 2017 will be characterised by impeccably floral and vibrant rieslings, an indicator of the slightly cooler conditions.

ACCOLADES

2017 National Wine Show of Australia - The Riesling Trophy
2017 Royal Adelaide Wine Show - Gold medal

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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