Reserve Bin Eden Valley Riesling

2000

Created as part of Penfolds white wine development program, Penfolds Eden Valley Reserve Riesling captures the essence of the Eden Valley Riesling style. The high altitude and cool climate of the region produces Rieslings with great complexity and capacity for long term cellaring. The style is characterised by flavours and aromas focused tightly in the green apple/lime spectrum, with a chalkiness and marked acidity contributing to flavour and mouthfeel. The development and launch of this wine (with the 1999 vintage) was a response to increasing consumer interest in quality South Australian Riesling, which is gaining worldwide recognition as a distinctive Australian wine style.

VINEYARD REGION  Eden Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS  Warm conditions in February contributed to good early ripening, but rain in March caused some concern. Riesling shows typical Eden Valley fruit lift, but volumes were low.
GRAPE VARIETY  Riesling
WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 12.0%
Acidity: 6.9g/L
pH: 3.17
LAST TASTED  2000-10-01
PEAK DRINKING  Now
FOOD MATCHES  Seafood

Winemaker comments by
Phillip John

COLOUR  Light pale green with brilliant hues.
NOSE  The varietal Riesling is superbly defined with abundant, up-front spice, grapefruit, cinnamon and rose petal characters typical of cool climate Eden Valley fruit.
PALATE  Medium-bodied with intense yet delicate fine Riesling fruit flavours. Abundant citrus and green apple characters with a soft, clean and crisp finish.