OVERVIEW
Created in the 1990s as part of the evolving Penfolds white wine development program, Bin 51 Eden Valley Riesling captures many of the attributes of Eden Valley. The region’s high altitude and cool climate induces Riesling with great finesse and elegance with a capacity for long term cellaring. South Australia has gained worldwide recognition for producing definitive world-class Riesling and Eden Valley always features. In their youth, the wines possess focused apple/lime aromas, with a mineral edge and marked natural acidity, contributing significantly to the palate texture and flavour. The evolution of Penfolds Bin 51 Eden Valley Riesling opens another chapter in a long history of Penfolds involvement in winemaking from this variety.

GRAPE VARIETY
Riesling

VINEYARD REGION
Eden Valley

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 11.5%, Acidity: 7.2 g/L, pH: 2.97

MATURATION
Three months in stainless steel

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
Autumn and winter rainfall was above the long-term average. Rain stopped abruptly in early August with nothing more than light and infrequent showers observed throughout spring. Canopy growth was resultantly halted early in the season, setting up an open canopy structure. The challenge was therefore to work towards a balanced canopy development under such dry conditions. A significant rainfall event in early January was a defining moment. This event revitalised vineyards and gave vines a much-needed boost throughout veraison. Mild days coupled with cool nights provided consistent conditions from late-January through to March, allowing fruit to reach optimal ripeness whilst retaining natural acidity. 2015 delivered an impressive Eden Valley vintage – Riesling characterised by its balance of intensity and vibrancy.

COLOUR
Very pale straw with lime green hues.

NOSE
Noticeably youthful!
An aromatic bouquet bursting with fresh floral scents of lilac, lavender and spring flowers. Lemongrass, sherbet and grated lemon-rind add an exciting citrus burst – together with wafts of scented talc and perfumed bath salts.

PALATE
Elegant yet remarkably fruit-generous at the same time. Riesling!
In this year of its creation and release, lemon gelati, lemon pith and pink grapefruit flavours dominate. Talc-like mouth-watering acidity provides wonderful line, length and tension.

PEAK DRINKING
Now – 2020

LAST TASTED
June 2015