

CELLAR RESERVE POLISH HILL RIESLING

2023

OVERVIEW

Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style. Penfolds Cellar Reserve Polish Hill Riesling is sourced from a cool climate single vineyard in the Clare Valley, and continues Penfolds exploration of this beautifully, aromatic varietal.

GRAPE VARIETY

Riesling

VINEYARD REGION

Polish Hill, Clare Valley

WINE ANALYSES

Alc: 11%, Acidity: 7.9 g/L, pH: 2.94

MATURATION

Three months in stainless steel

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The winter of 2022 was one of contrasts - June and August were both above average with over 100mm of rain falling. However, July was one of the driest on record. Overall, winter rain was above average, leading into what would become one of the wettest springs on record. The Clare Valley recorded spring rainfall 236% above average. The resulting warm humid conditions increased the disease threat. Vigilance was required throughout the growing season, but it would be rewarded. With soil profiles full of moisture, growth was uninhibited and crop development was unimpeded. The growing season was cooler than average slowing vine development. With plenty of soil moisture, berry size was excellent. The cool conditions persisted through summer and delayed the start of harvest. The extra hang-time ensured the grapes developed terrific flavour and retained racy acidity. The 2023 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines with riesling showing strong varietal markers backed by fine, zippy acidity.

COLOUR

Very pale with iridescent lime green hues

NOSE

The aromatics conjure thoughts of slatey, crushed mineral rock and wet river stones. The citrus notes speak to varietal, a convergence of lime and lemon with background notes of citrus blossom. A subtle hint of clove spice and sherbet emerges with a swirl. Very perfumed indeed

PALATE

The palate is achingly long and linear with a salivating, juicy acidity. There is a lovely fleshiness to the fruit, with a suggestion of sweetness balanced by tingling freshly squeezed lime juice. A very flavoursome riesling with wonderful flow and energy from start to finish.

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2033

LAST TASTED

August 2023

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"Three cool seasons in a row, three great Polish Hill Rieslings. The 2023 vintage is a great follow on from the class 2021 and 2022 wines. Classic Polish Hill!"
Kym Schroeter, Penfolds White Winemaker .