

BIN 51

EDEN VALLEY RIESLING 2021



Created in the 1990's as part of the evolving Penfolds white wine development program, Bin 51 captures many attributes of the Eden Valley locale. 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 scented floral and citrus aromas, with a mineral edge and marked natural acidity, contributing significantly to the palate texture and flavour.

GRAPE VARIETY

Riesling

VINEYARD REGION

Eden Valley

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 11%, Acidity: 8.4 g/L, pH: 3.07

MATURATION

Stainless steel

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Eden Valley enjoyed near long-term average winter rainfall with good early rainfall at the beginning of the growing season. The latter half of spring and summer were very dry, conditions that prevailed until the end of harvest. There were only a handful of summer days over 35°C and no prolonged heatwaves. Overnight temperatures during the growing season were marginally above-average yet below-average during harvest allowing for excellent riesling picking conditions. Riesling grapes across High Eden were able to ripen slowly and evenly, developing great flavour and acidity. An outstanding vintage for this varietal.

COLOUR

Very pale straw with luminous green hues.

NOSE

A kaleidoscopic ascent of citrus derivatives – lemon sherbet is the first to be impatiently released; later, at their own pace and more assuredly, notes of Tahitian lime and lemon verbena. And then there's more – scents of citrus bath salts/fresh linen and lemongrass ... No shortage of highly aromatic descriptors remain, primarily a beguiling limestone-talc lift, yet it's the freshness and vitality of another retronasal engagement that impresses further – freshly-cut flowers, freshly-cut fennel, freshly-sliced cucumber, sea spray.

PALATE

No shortage of flavour, yet as noted in the commentary above, it's the fineness and purity of this youthful riesling that immediately impacts upon that first sip.

If we were to proactively and immediately leap to the other end of the palate – it certainly finishes exactly clean and 'soft'.

Be assured, no lack of acidity, no lack of *attaque* ...albeit gently.

What of the mid-palate, flavours? Certainly a highlight – finger lime, lemon/lime zest, again sherbet, juniper berries, mirin, and a slaty/crushed marble chalkiness.

Eden Valley riesling attired in its *Sunday-best*.

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2031

LAST TASTED

June 2021