

St. John's Road

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Peace of Eden Riesling

2018

The peace and tranquillity of the cool climate Eden Valley is ideally suited to yielding the clean, pure flavours of Riesling. Our approach of minimal intervention enables the true characteristics of each vintage and the vines to speak for itself.

Winemaking

The 17 -18 growing season started off well in Eden Valley with winter rainfall approximately 10% higher than average. Spring rainfall was slightly below average and a warmer than normal October and November temp (combined with drier soils) meant the canopies grew well, flowering was successful and a good number of bunches were set. From all reports, the 2018 vintage in Eden Valley will be one to savour with Riesling a stand-out variety.

The 2018 Peace of Eden came from three different growers in Eden Valley. The Zander 'Quarry Block' grapes were harvested on the 10th of March, Merv Storton's 'Keyneton Road' Block was harvested on the 15th of March and Jan and Terry Riley's 'Brandy's and 'Old' Blocks were picked on the 8th of March.

Following harvest the grapes were immediately taken to our Barossa winery for pressing to avoid extended skin contact. As with previous vintages Phil let the fruit cold-settle for two days before fermentation, increasing the vibrancy of the final blend. The Riesling was fermented in stainless steel tanks for approximately 40 days in cool temperatures to retain delicate aromatics. Low extraction rates were used to avoid excessive phenolic retention and there was no malolactic fermentation to avoid creamy textures and maintain freshness and juicy acidity,

Tasting Notes

Colour: Bright green-gold straw.

Aroma: Delicate and aromatic. Lime zest, white flowers and an underlying minerality.

Palate: Generous and flavoursome palate with bright, zesty flavours of citrus, blossom and musk. Hints of slate and minerality move through to creamy, lingering finish.

Food Match: Lemon garlic prawns with linguine.

Cellaring: Perfect for immediate consumption, or cellar for 5 – 10 years.

Analysis

Alcohol: 13.0% **TA:** 6.08 g/L

RS: 1.8 g/L **pH:** 3.01

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