



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2011 Riesling

At Hentley Farm, only wine grown on site is permitted to wear the Hentley Farm label. This Riesling is the one exception to that rule...

Winemaker Andrew Quin and Vineyard Manager Greg Mader were set the challenge: to create a world-class Riesling for the Hentley Farm range. For them the answer was simple - head over the range and into Eden Valley.

2010 'The Exception' - 94 points James Halliday

2009 'The Exception' - 93 points Huon Hooke

Variety

100% Riesling - Single block

Background

The fruit is from a small, high altitude (420m) block of Eden Valley Riesling vines, situated on Heggies Boundary road. Planted in 1981 on shallow grey sandy loam soils with underlying granite, on a south-east facing slope, this block provides the ideal site characteristics for premium Riesling production. - Vineyard Manager, Greg Mader

Vintage

2011 - The 2011 growing season was one of the coolest and wettest on record, resulting in the highest disease pressure in more than 20 years. Four weeks from harvest 'The Exception' block was hit by Botrytis. The southern end of the block, which was hardest hit, was flagged off for use in a Botrytis Riesling, leaving the less affected part of the block to be managed accordingly. Three weeks later a hand harvesting team dropped affected fruit on the ground, resulting in an approximate 50% crop loss. Although this was a significant loss, the remaining fruit was of the highest quality, with the cool conditions providing an extended flavour development period and extremely solid acid base, resulting in a crisp wine with great aromatic and flavour intensity.

Harvested (hand-picked) : 1 April

Winemaking

Daily solid suspensions were carried out on this wine for a period of a week before fermentation. Minimal acid and sugar additions were made prior to bottling, and a small amount of fining agent was also used. - Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

This wine displays an intensely lifted aromatic that is dominated by the citrus fruits of lemon and lime, with the underlying aromas of green apple and tropical passionfruit providing the complexity expected in a world class Riesling. The palate provides the perfect combination of fruit intensity and balanced acid, with the back palate texture and length created by the pre-fermentation solid suspension and use of minimal fining agents ensuring that this Riesling has the ability to develop for many years to come.

Bottled: July 2011

Drink: now - 2021

Analysis:	Alcohol	11%	RS	2.8/L	Acid	7.7	pH	2.9
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