

Tasting Note

Best's Great Western 2017 Riesling

Riesling vines were first planted as part of Henry Best's 'Nursery Block' vineyard in the 1860s. From subsequent plantings in 1944 and 1978, Riesling has become a significant part of our regime.

The Riesling vines from Great Western produce flavoursome, elegantly structured, spectacularly age-worthy Rieslings which stand confidently alongside some of the most outstanding Australian examples of the variety. In recent times, the style has evolved to match the continental climatic conditions to a beautifully balanced wine with texture and aromatics.

Technical Details

Region Great Western, Victoria

Grape Variety Riesling

Alcohol 11.0%

Winemaker Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour Pale straw with green and silver hints.

Bouquet Lifted aromas of kaffir lime, guava and jasmine with a background of red apple and lime zest.

Palate Fine lime flavours with a mouth coating texture and a fresh and lingering steely finish.

Cellaring The Rieslings of Best's have a proven ability to mature gracefully for 20 years or more. This example is no exception and its youthful freshness is a good sign for its long life in the cellar. It will gather complex toasty aromas and flavours as the years pass. Enjoy with fish and chips by the sea in summer or a spicy fish curry by a fire in winter.

Vintage Fantastic winter rains set the vineyards up for ideal spring growing conditions that saw great flowering and fruit set. The mild summer conditions and long ripening period (with some timely small rain events) ensured that the fruit matured in near perfect conditions for harvest. 2017 is a classic vintage that has more resemblance to those of the 80s and 90s than the vintages of this century.





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Reviews and Awards

Western Vic Wine Challenge awards 2017

Ararat Wine and Food Society - Class 2 Riesling – Judges Trophy
Ararat Wine and Food Society – Consumers Award Class 2 Riesling
Grampians Tourism – Consumers Wine of Show Trophy

Adelaide Wine Show Class 87

Silver Medal

Victorian Wine Show

Trophy – Best Riesling

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Bright straw-green, fuller than many of its vintage peers. The length of the palate is exceptional, as is the fluid line of the intertwined citrus fruit and acidity, lime and Meyer lemon fruit. The result is a Riesling that will be drunk before it's due time, and I would be happy to join forces tonight.

Rating: 95 points – 5 stars

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