



## TASTING NOTE

# 2018 GREAT WESTERN 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 flavorsome, 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

<b>Region:</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety:</b>	Riesling
<b>Alcohol:</b>	11.0%
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Justin Purser

## TASTING NOTES

<b>Colour:</b>	Very pale straw with green and silver hints
<b>Bouquet:</b>	Lifted and intense aromatics of musk, honeysuckle, kaffir lime leaf and crushed rock.
<b>Palate:</b>	Fine and fragrant with a steely acidity that drives the palate. The fruit weight smooths the edges and a powdery lime rind and river stone minerality holds everything in place for a long finish.
<b>Cellaring:</b>	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. Absolutely delicious with spinach and ricotta cannelloni.
<b>Vintage:</b>	The vineyard got off to a great start, but dry conditions throughout the spring triggered a devastating frost on 4 <sup>th</sup> November. The grapes on the lower vineyards were lost, but those on higher elevations where largely unaffected. Apart from a few warm days in January the conditions were excellent and perfect ripening weather continued long into the Autumn. A standout year for Riesling with high natural acidity and fine flavours and aromas.





## **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

### **AWARDS**

Royal Perth Wine Show – High Silver

Ballarat Wine Show – Trophy Best Regional Other White Wine  
Western Wine Challenge – Consumer & Judges Trophy

### **REVIEWS**

**JAMES HALLIDAY TOP100 (20 WINES UNDER \$25)** Pale straw-green; the bouquet is enticing, but it's the palate that sends the senses into overdrive, with intense lime juice intersecting with shiny, bright acidity. Great length inevitably follows, promising a very long life. The Great Western subregion deserves far greater recognition for its Rieslings. **96 points**

### **JAMES HALLIDAY 2020 WINE COMPANION**

The bouquet is enticing but it's the palate that sends all the senses into overdrive. Intense lime juice intersects with shiny bright acidity. This takes mouthwatering flavours to new levels. Great Western subregion deserves far greater recognition for its Rieslings. **Rating 96 points.**

### **HUON HOOKE – REAL REVIEW**

Light, bright yellow colour with a fresh, crisp, dry herb and nettle, nutty savoury aroma, which is yet to fully develop. A nutty suspicion of a barrel-aged component. The wine is slightly off-dry and also high-acid, with a crisp, fruity, tangy palate and finish with a very jazzy sweetness/acid counterpoint. It finishes cleansingly crisp and dry, an excellent wine, nervy and bright. It commands attention. **95/100**

### **JAMES SUCKLING TASTING REPORT 2019**

Some herbal and attractively waxy aromas here with leaves and dried-grassy notes. The palate has a crisp apple and lime core and fresh and zippy acidity. Drink or hold. Screw cap. **Rating 92 points**