



## 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

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<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