



## TASTING NOTE

# 2021 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 (since removed), 1978 and 1998 Riesling became 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

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

## TASTING NOTES

<b>Colour:</b>	Luminescent pale straw with a green hue.
<b>Bouquet:</b>	An enchanting nose of honeysuckle, muddled lime, wet stone and fresh beeswax.
<b>Palate:</b>	A pure line of bony acidity rounded with intense lime and melon flavours. Long and satiating.
<b>Cellaring:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Drink with steamed coral trout, ginger and shallots.</p>
<b>Vintage:</b>	An excellent season with near perfect growing conditions right through to harvest. Adequate winter and spring rainfalls set the wines up to burst into life and sustain beautifully balanced growth throughout the summer. Autumn was ideal with little rainfall and warm conditions to ensure the grapes matured gracefully.





## **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

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**The Real Review – Aaron Brasher** Pale straw and youthful in appearance. Lifted and pure aromas of white flowers, citrus blossom and lemon rind – really inviting. The flavours are bright, lemony and tangy. There's sherbet and talc, and a delightful acid zippiness and a generosity of flavour that carries through and gives impressive length. Tasted 3/9/21 Drink now to 2036.

**Rating: 95 points**

**James Suckling – 2021** – A super-fresh Riesling with lightly spicy edges to the lemon and sliced-pear fruit. There's green apple on the palate and a dry, crisp run to the long, mouthwatering finish.

**Rating: 94 points**

**WMB Nov/Dec 2021 – Tyson Stelzer**

**WineWise 2021 Riesling Tasting:** Intense stone fruit/citrus aroma and flavour. Slight sweetness with a decided acid lift. ★★★★★

### **AWARDS**

2021 Royal Hobart Wine Show – GOLD

2021 Ballarat Wine Show – GOLD

2021 National Cool Climate Wine Show – 93 points SILVER

2021 Victorian Wine Show – Trophy Best White Wine of Show

2021 Victorian Wine Show – Trophy Best Riesling