



TASTING NOTE

2022 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, 1978 and 1998 Riesling has become a significant aspect within our range of wines.

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:	12.0%
Residual Sugar:	8.59 g/L
Winemaker:	Jacob Parton

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- Colour:** Luminescent white gold with a green hue.
- Bouquet:** White flowers, apricot blossom, lime peel and a hint of vanilla bean.
- Palate:** Pithy lemons, lime juice and lime sorbet, a touch of residual sweetness with a fresh zingy acidity that leaves a fresh cleansing glow.
- Cellaring:** The Rieslings of Best's have a proven ability to mature gracefully for 20 years or more. The youthful freshness on release is so delicious but this wine will enjoy a long life in the cellar. It will gather complex toasty aromas and flavours as the years pass. Drink with seared scallops; fresh goats curd on sour dough croutons; Honeydew melon and prosciutto
- Vintage:** Vintage 2022 began with a very cool spring, misty conditions and low hanging fog. Fruit flowering took some time due to the cooler conditions which is typical for the region after a larger vintage in 2021. Low crops resulted in high concentration of flavour in both the Great Western and Rhymney Riesling vineyards.





REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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James Suckling – October 2022

A succulent and elegant Australian dry Riesling with tons of crisp pear, white-peach and white-flower aromas. Very good concentration and excellent balance on the medium-bodied palate. Drink or hold. **Rating: 94 points**

The Real Review – November 2022

Pale lemon-yellow colour. Grapefruit, yellow florals, and mandarin rind aromas. Quite full in the mouth with great concentration of citrus in the cumquat and grapefruit spectrum. A delicate floral sweetness adds texture but there's ample acidity to balance and drive the palate long and dry to finish. Remarkable value here. **Rating: 95 points** Drink now to 2032

Wine Pilot, Jeni Port – February 2023

Hard as it is to believe, Greta Western Riesling is Best's introductory Riesling. It's also the standard bearer for the grape in the region, the one that other makers – and drinkers – tend to judge Grampians Riesling by. In 2022, you see a wine at the top of its game. Florals rise from the glass – honeysuckle, jasmine, iris, citrus blossom – the scent of spring, with a lemon sorbet brightness. Nothing is over-state or forced, quite the opposite, there's a delicacy and balance here. The palate is elegant and precise with real verve and energy that holds impressive concentration and length with a lovely lemony acid tang to close. **Rating: 95 points**