



TASTING NOTE

2022 FOUDRE FERMENT RIESLING

This wine is the successor of the very well received 2012 EVT 51. The 2012 was the inaugural wine of this style from Best's, but it is reflective of the way Riesling was made here in the 1970s and earlier.

The aromatic Riesling juice is given extended skin contact then wild fermented in a large oak foudre (barrel), made by the Schneckleitner family in Austria. The resultant wine exhibits both the complexities of a barrel ferment and spontaneous fermentation without the overt oak flavour, due to the large size and subtlety of the foudre.

The Foudre Ferment is a representation of another facet of Riesling's charms.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region:	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety:	Riesling
Alcohol:	12%
Winemaker:	Jacob Parton

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Colour:	Pale straw with flashes of silver.
Bouquet:	Bright lemon juice, with hints of flint, jasmine and white peach
Palate:	Immediate bright mouth filling acids with lemon rind flavours and a touch of perfume, white flowers, granite and the faintest hint of soft oak. The palate is long, full and lingers.
Cellaring:	The aromatic characteristics of this wine are best appreciated in the short to medium term, but this wine will gain complexity over the next ten years or so. Try it with uncomplicated fish dishes. Drink now to 2034.
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 Rhydney Riesling vineyards.



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AWARDS & REVIEWS

REVIEWS

Winepilot, Jeni Port - April 2023

With the 2022 vintage, the follow up to the marvellously complex 2021, we see another example of a wine at the top of its game for both the maker and the variety. Two great vintages in a row. Lime juice, preserved lemon, pink grapefruit, Thai basil, rosemary, honeysuckle, ginger - the '22 is astonishingly complex in aromas and flavours. You have to admire the juxtaposition of the utter brightness of the fruit, tingly and snappy, to the wine's honeyed smoothness and texture. It is a great flavour sensation, fresh, alive, honeyed and mellow (especially across the middle palate) at the same time, finishing with rousing fruit tingle brightness. Any way you put it, it's another brilliant Riesling. Drink 2023- 2031 **Rating: 96 points**

Rob Geddes MW – March 2023

Aged in very large old oak, aka Alsace, I still have bottles of the initial release, which are aging gracefully. The colour is slightly forward. Aromas are very complex, yet it shows restraint and finesse and hints of apricot, malt in the aromas, while the complex palate has texture, high acidity, white fruits, subtle yoghurt like complexity and a subtle caramel-edged dry, firm finish. It will definitely shift in time into a more complex and textural wine of great individuality that will match a wider range of dishes than “standard” Riesling. It's a must try wine if you like Riesling. Drink now to 2028 **Rating: 92 points**

WBM Tyson Stelzer – May/June 2023

Riesling that simultaneously upholds tension and varietal integrity in the presence of texture and body without any reliance upon sweetness is rare indeed, and especially so in Australia. Best's has emerged as the exemplar, and 2022 is a quintessential case in point. To achieve such crunchy, vibrant, focused energy and yet such creamy, nutty buttery texture and such spicy exoticism is a mighty fine act. Wait for this one. **Rating: 96 points**

Halliday Wine Companion, Campbell Mattinson – May 2023

There's a gorgeousness to these wines. There's a touch of wetness to the lime and orange-driven fruit, a modest textural element, an impression of exquisite purity throughout. It feels and tastes lovely, first sip to the last. The acidity feels daring but its flavour drenched and that's the crucial point. In short, everything is in excellent order here. **Rating: GOLD 95 points** ★