



TASTING NOTE

2023 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 part of our range of wines.

Rieslings from Great Western produce flavoursome, elegantly structured, spectacularly age-worthy examples, which stand confidently alongside some of the most outstanding Australian wines of this 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:	11.5%
Residual Sugar:	6.94 g/L
Winemaker:	Jacob Parton

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Pale intensity, with white gold hue.

Bouquet: Pronounced aromas of apricot blossom, coupled with a touch of apple, lemon, and pineapple.

Palate: A palate that consists of primary fresh fruits. A medley of apricot, peach, guava, citrus pith, and lemon sorbet. Unmistakable intensity throughout that is balanced with green apple acidity. This dry style is light bodied, with great intensity.

Cellaring: The youthful freshness on release is so delicious but this wine will enjoy a long life in your cellar. It will gather complex toasty aromas and flavours as the years pass.
Best paired with fresh seafood and Asian style salads.

Vintage: Vintage 2023 began with a very wet spring. Rain and cool temperatures were the theme up until Christmas. Into the new year, the rain ceased and some warmer weather followed. The 2023 vintage was long and late with the first Riesling grapes being harvested in early March. This long cool vintage allowed fruit flavours to mature, while natural acidity was retained.



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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

AWARDS

2023 Royal Melbourne Wine Show – Gold

2023 22nd Canberra International Riesling Challenge- Excellent

REVIEWS

Ned Goodwin MW – December 2023

Excellent Riesling, having moved well away from the oft-domestic norm of battery-acid dryness and tacy acidity, some years ago. Succulent kaffir lime, baking apple, quince and nashi pear. A waft of phenolics as useful as the trickle of acidity, juicy and palpably natural. This draws the saliva from the mouth. Reaching for the next glass is auto-pilot. Bravo! Drink or hold. **Rating: 93 points**

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson – Dec 2023

Energetic lime, slate and apple flavours set the tone from the outset though it's the texture and the general 'settled' feel that makes spending time with this wine a delight. It's lively in a calm way, which sounds impossible but that's the way it is. It has good carry through the finish too. **Rating: 93 points**

Newcastle Herald – Rick Allan 6th January 2024

This wine comes from a selection of Great Western sites in what was generally a cooler vintage. Broadly speaking, Best's Rieslings tend to be aromatic and incredibly age-worthy – and this is true to form. On the nose, there's lemon, lime and apple blossom, all very inviting. On first sip you're regarded because it's very fruit-forward. There's citrus, green apple, and lime bringing that biting freshness on the tongue, but with some sweeter richness showing through – stone-fruit and apricot. As a flavour package, it's a delight. Underpinning all that is this piercing, zesty acidity. Enjoy as a youngster now for all its mouthwatering freshness, or take your time and watch it develop over 15 years or so. This one is a thoroughbred. **5-Star**