



TASTING NOTE

2020 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 become a beautifully balanced wine with texture and aromatics.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region:	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety:	Riesling
Alcohol:	12.0%
Winemakers:	Justin Purser

TASTING NOTES

Colour:	Brilliant pale straw with a green and gold hue.
Bouquet:	A very complex, lifted nose of honeydew melon, jasmine, lavender, lime zest and fresh almonds.
Palate:	The piercing acidity is balanced by rounded fresh fruits and lingering almond and honey notes.
Cellaring:	<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 fresh Southern Rock Lobster grilled with Kerry Gold butter.</p>
Vintage:	A hot and dry growing season meant the vines ripened quickly and crops were lower than average. Sufficient water supply ensured the grapevines remained in good health and a cool February ensured all the natural acidity was retained at harvest. The grapes had bundles of concentrated flavour and lots of vibrant acidity.





REVIEWS AND AWARDS

REVIEWS

The Real Review, Stuart Knox - August 2020

Pale straw-yellow colour. Talc, lime, and white flower aromas. Very tightly wound palate, a high line of acid keeping things whip tight. Lemon lime and seashell characters in layers across top of palate. Goes long and deep with piercing precision. Drink 2020-2032

Rating: 93/100

The Real Review, Ralph Kyte Powell - September 2020

Pale and greenish-tinged, this ripe, fragrant Riesling has scents of lime, wildflower honey and bath salts. It's intense with quenching acidity carrying a long, elegantly poised palate of lovely fruit concentration. A pristine regional wine of great quality. Drink 2020-2028

Rating: 95 points

James Suckling – September 2020

Such expressive and fragrant aromas of fresh lemons, sliced pears, and apples, as well as wet stones. Lots to like here. The palate has a very intense, mouthwatering core of citrus and white peach, driven by intense acidity. Low-yielding vintage with high-quality grapes. Will age very well. Drink or hold. ***Rating: 96 points***

James Halliday Top 100 – November 2020

Only made in exceptional vintages. Infinite attention to detail across the full suite of vinifications brings complexity together with an elegant focus on the varietal fruit of white peach, almond and excellent citrussy acidity. ***Rating: 96 points*** Drink to 2040

AWARDS

Western Wine Challenge, October 2020 – GOLD MEDAL