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2021 HEAD

Riesling

EDEN VALLEY, BAROSSA



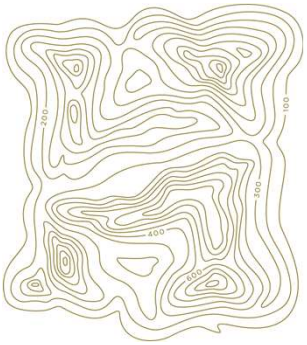
The 2021 Rieslings from Eden Valley are highlighted by their unusually high acidity. The cause was of course a growing season that lived in the eye of Australia's 'La Nina'. Yields were average due to healthy rains during winter and spring.

After experimentation with viognier during the 2020 vintage I decided to take a completely different approach to previous years winemaking with the Riesling (we skipped 2 vintages due to drastically low yields).

Long, cool & mild growing conditions allowed the wine **full malo-lactic** fermentation **on lees in oak for a full year** with **no need for Sulphur until bottling**. The wine was also allowed to stabilize naturally, **un-fined & lightly filtered**.

The wine shows incredible power & texture with citrus, pine-apple, lemon and grapefruit together with a long, salty, honeyed, minerally finish. Drink with oily fish & wild salutations. *Alex Head*

"Pine-apple and floral honey, then to lemon and grapefruit. Juicy, chalky, powerful acidity, with a salty, tangy, bone-dry finish. Drink 2022–2032."



RAINFALL:	461ml (April 20-March 21 avg. 465ml)
VINEYARD:	Flaxman Valley - All farmed sustainably with organic principles
VARIETAL:	100% Riesling
VINE AGE:	50 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Sandy loam over yellow clay, schist & granite
AVG. YIELD:	1.0–2.0t/a
PRODUCTION:	250 cases
VINIFICATION:	Hand-picked fruit with some whole-bunch press into stainless steel, settled and cool fermented in neutral oak. Aged on lees for 11 months with full malo-lactic fermentation.
BOTTLING:	Feb 22, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	pH 3.3 TA 6.6g/l
ALCOHOL:	12.5% g/f 0.2g/l

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