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2020 ‘Vertigo 25GR’ Riesling

Single vineyard: Lenswood



For any winemaker, it’s a real privilege to be entrusted to nurture fruit into wine. To work for a decade or more with a block which consistently produces first-rate fruit, is rare—and VERY special.

The block of vines which has been the exclusive source for the Vertigo Riesling first bore fruit in 1998; Peter Leske has been fortunate to have made it into wine every year since then. But it wasn’t until 2008 that Peter teamed up with David LeMire and the fruit was guided for the first time into a serious, delicately sweet (call it ‘off-dry’ if you wish) style: the ‘25GR’.

It’s a special site, perched high on a very steep, north-facing slope just northwest of Lenswood, at an altitude of over 500 m. The vines are mature but look younger; they’re relatively small and don’t grow vigorously on the shallow, quartz-flecked soil. But year after year they produce fruit of remarkable quality and consistency, with amaaaazing natural acidity.

It’s this acidity which makes the 25GR possible. It balances the 25 g/L of natural grape sweetness which is retained when we turn the cooling on to stop the fermentation, and which offers an extra dimension of mouthfeel and depth. It’s the acid which ensures that the wine finishes dry and crisp; keeps it light and refreshing. It’s not about the sugar!... It's about the acid.

Aromatically, there’s classic cool-climate varietal perfume of lemon, lime, green apple and white flowers—and of course, the palate echoes these aromas. They persist and linger, which means that the wine has terrific length.

The low alcohol content means that you can have a second glass… team it with Thai or Vietnamese food, or simply a sunny afternoon and a good view. Like the one over the vineyard…

- **Recommended retail: $24.00**
- **Landed unit cost (LUC): $15.48 per 750 mL bottle**
- **Harvested by hand on 17th March 2020**
- **Wine details: 11.0% v/v; RS 25.8 g/L; pH 3.04; TA 7.7 g/L**

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