

Rieslingfreak

Reverence of Riesling

2026 Rieslingfreak No.4 Eden Valley Riesling

2026 Vintage

In the lead up to the 2026 harvest, the drought conditions that had plagued the first half of 2025, were somewhat compensated by higher than average Spring rains which encouraged good early canopy growth in the vineyards. Colder and wetter conditions through November delayed flowering and fruit set, setting the early agenda for what was to be a relatively late harvest. As summer arrived, an extended period of dry weather with warmer than average temperatures, meant that sun protection and judicious irrigation was paramount throughout the ripening period, but proved perfect conditions for slow and steady ripening – the typical harbingers of an outstanding year for Riesling.

Vintage officially commenced on the 5th of March – a full four weeks later than in 2025. Five days later the summer drought broke in spectacular fashion, with almost 90mm of rain falling in 48 hours. While the effects of this unprecedented rain event were felt across both Clare and Eden Valleys, quick response by our growers and cool heads in the winery were paramount to ensure that grape quality was maintained; and by the time the last of the juices made their way into ferment they were among the purest expressions of Riesling the Freaks have ever seen.

While 2026 certainly put winemaking skills to the test, the entire range of Rieslingfreak Rieslings are a remarkable expression of refined elegance, purity, power, and poise. The almost perfect growing conditions leading into harvest clearly determined the quality and style potential, which endured the impact of the late season rains to deliver a sensational selection of distinct and distinguished Rieslings.

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Rieslingfreak No.4 is made from selected vineyards across the southern ranges of the Eden Valley region. The No.4 brings together the elegance, structure and acid drive of the High Eden subregion of Flaxman Valley, with the intense flavour and rich aromatics produced by vineyards on the outskirts of Angaston and Springton, imparting complexity to the bouquet and opulence to the palate.

Eden Valley is renowned for Riesling of elegance, perfume and minerality; and the 2026 No.4 brings all this and more. The bouquet leaps forth with intense aromas of fresh lime zest, passionfruit, and guava; complemented by floral topnotes of rosewater, jasmine and elderflower. The evocative summertime scent of rain falling on warm slate transitions onto the elegant yet assuredly structured palate; educing a foundational minerality running beneath the punchy flavours of popping finger lime pearls, poached quince and kiwi sorbet. The tightly wound acidity, which is a hallmark of both the region and the 2026 vintage, drives the length of the palate drawing through to a fine, crisp finish; while the flavours lingering lusciously in the mouth long after the wine has gone.

Alc: 11.3%

Residual Sugar: 0.97g/L

pH: 2.80

TA: 8.9g/L

