

Worlds Apart

2024

'IN THE FLOWERS'

Riesling | *Eden Valley - Australia*



Stats

Grapes: 100% Riesling
Vineyard: Pendee Farm (Springton)
Vine Age: 55-years-old
Soil Type: Clay-loam with quartz-riddled gravel
Viticulture: Practicing organic (dry-farmed)
Fermentation: Native – neutral 228-500L French oak (100% whole-bunch)
Skin Contact: None
Aging: 3 months in neutral 228-500L French barriques
Alcohol: 10.4%
Residual Sugar: 10.3 g/L
pH: 2.82
Total Acidity: 8.7 g/L
Total SO2: 84 ppm
Total Production: 390 cases

Reviews

The Wine Front | 93 points

About

While Eden Valley may not carry the same weight, both figuratively and literally, as Clare Valley...it certainly can and should. Pewsey Vale, Leo Buring, Dandelion Vineyards and others have paved the way for the citrus-tinged, mineral-driven style that Eden is synonymous with. Enter 'In The Flowers.' Louis drew upon the quartz-dominant soils and cool-climate of the Eden but wanted to express a bit more weight and texture to the wine, à la Clare or old world styles. The result is a textural masterpiece of chalky, leesy, barrel-fermented, half-century old vine Riesling. Good rains in winter 2023 and a mild harvest season made for an excellent combination of quality and quantity from these 1969 planted unirrigated vines.

The fruit was hand-harvested from the Wardlaw's Pendee Farm at the gateway to the Eden Valley and whole-bunch pressed with full lees to old 228L and 500L French oak barriques for fermentation. Fermentation kicked off naturally and Louis stirred the lees over the course of two to three weeks. The wine sat on the lees for three months of aging; it did not see any sulfur addition at this point. After aging, the barrels were racked to tank to settle naturally and bottled without fining and just a gentle sheet filtration and small sulfur addition.

Tasting Note

Pale green-straw in color, this vintage shines with vibrant floral aromas, hints of dried herbs, and a touch of honey. The palate is zesty and intense, with grapefruit, lime, and lemon complemented by a subtle sweetness and a sprinkle of white pepper.