

Stats

Grapes: 100% Riesling Vineyard: Pendee Farm (Springton) Vine Age: 54-years-old Soil Type: Clay-loam with quartzriddled gravel Viticulture: Practicing organic Fermentation: Native - neutral 500L French barriques Skin Contact: None Aging: 3 months in neutral 500L French barriques Alcohol: 11.4% Residual Sugar: 11 g/L pH: 2.81 Total Acidity: 8.6 g/L Total SO2: 84 ppm Total Production: 208 cases

Reviews

The Wine Front | 94 points James Suckling | 91 points

Worlds Apart

2022

'IN THE FLOWERS'

Riesling | Eden Valley - Australia



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 '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. The result is a textural masterpiece of chalky, leesy, barrel-fermented, half-century old vine Riesling. The '22 vintage shows more intensity on the palate, with a ripping 8.6 g/L acidity and 11 g/L residual sugar.

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 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 the duration of aging and without any sulfur addition. After three months of aging the barrels were racked to tank to settle naturally and bottled without fining or filtration and just a small sulfur addition.

Tasting Note

The nose evokes the scent of a fresh apple pie about to go into the oven with a lemonscented jasmine tea and a green herbal edge. A lithe expression without overt sweetness, or conversely, tooth-stripping acidity.

