

VICKERY

VINTAGE 2015
WATERVALE
RIESLING

BRAZEL – OLD VINE

Background

John Vickery is the acknowledged *old master* of Riesling in Australia, with an illustrious career spanning over fifty years, culminating in the extraordinary awards tally of more than fifty Trophies and over four hundred Gold Medals. The Rieslings he crafted from Watervale (in the Clare Valley) and Eden Valley (in the Barossa) stand tall as the epitome of this most majestic grape variety, each with a unique South Australian and sub-regional thumbprint. Vickery wines are made in collaboration with talented winemaker and family friend Philip Lehmann, so that John's winemaking methods and knowledge will be preserved and passed on for generations to come, for the benefit of all lovers of classic Australian Riesling.

Winemaking

Fruit for the 2015 Watervale Riesling was again sourced from the Castine and Brazel family vineyards, both of which are adjacent to the Watervale township. In addition to this, fruit from their neighbour, Anthony Koerner, was included for Vintage 2015. The Koerner 'Gullyview' vineyard is red dirt over limestone; John Vickery's preferred soil type for flavoursome Riesling! Picking occurred in the second and third weeks of February, in the cool of night. To avoid skin contact, the grapes were pressed in Watervale (approximately five minutes from each of the vineyard sites). Clarified juice was then taken to our Barossa winery where fermentation took place. Each batch of fruit was handled separately until the final assemblage, where only the very best components were included in the 2015 blend.

Tasting Notes

- Colour:** Light and bright golden straw
- Aroma:** Powerful and lifted bouquet. Lemon citrus, ground coriander spice, honey.
- Palate:** Beautiful balance; fresh lime and lemon citrus, some mineral. Powerful depth of flavour and moreish persistence.
- Food Match:** The flush citrus notes and balanced acidity is perfectly matched to spicy SE Asian cuisine. Try with Thai Duck and Noodle Broth.
- Cellaring:** As with all Vickery Rieslings, this wine will be bright and fresh in its youth and will reward careful cellaring for 5-10 years.

Analysis

Alcohol:	13%	TA:	6.8
RS:	2.87g/l	pH:	3.03
Other:	Vegetarian, Gluten Free		

