

# VICKERY

VINTAGE 2017  
EDEN VALLEY  
RIESLING

SUNRISE OVER ZANDER QUARRY BLOCK

## 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

The '16-17 growing season was reminiscent of seasons past; rains were excellent (800 mm for our growers in Eden Valley), and once dry creeks, and dams, were at capacity by the end of the winter. Whilst not *drastically* cool during the early growing season, the wet soils delayed budburst by more than a month (compared to previous year), and this later-timing maintained until harvest. The cool-er weather conditions eliminated sunburnt berries which kept the phenolics in the skins very low, making the flavours from the light pressing fractions very useful in the final cuvee.

As with the '16 vintage, fruit was sourced from the Zander, Mason and Riley family vineyards in Eden Valley. John and Phil were really impressed with the fruit quality of Terry and Jan Riley's site, and chose to take on an extra parcel - from their thirty-six year old 'House Block'.

Following picking, in the first week of April, the grapes were pressed and fermented at our Barossa winery, with the usual emphasis on minimal handling. Each parcel was kept separate until the final blending where only the best components were included for the 2017 Eden Valley Riesling

## Tasting Notes

- Colour:** Pale straw with green flecks
- Aroma:** Well-perfumed with delicate floral notes
- Palate:** Wonderful purity of flavour – fine notes of lemon blossom and mineral lime citrus. Lively and precise.
- Food Match:** Sicilian style tuna Carpaccio
- Cellaring:** A Riesling with beautiful purity and prettiness in youth, though promises to be a wonderful wine to age – 10+ years.

## Analysis

<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.5%	<b>TA:</b>	6.28g/L
<b>RS:</b>	1.71g/l	<b>pH:</b>	3.12

