

# VICKERY

RIESLING

THE RESERVE  
EDEN VALLEY

VINTAGE 2019

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 our talented winemaking team, 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 Zander "Quarry" block is in the gentle undulating hills of the Flaxman Valley, a sub region of Eden Valley. A parcel from this vineyard was selected and vinified separately for our 2019 Reserve wine as it showed incredible fruit purity and tight acidity. The 'Quarry Block' has an altitude of 450m with the rows running north south, and an east facing aspect. A very dry winter and spring, with hailstorms and extreme heat lead to greatly reduced yields for the 2019 vintage, but despite these weather conditions the Riesling from Eden Valley had good natural acidity and beautiful flavours.

The grapes were harvested on the 9th of March 2019 and pressed immediately to avoid over extraction of grape skin phenolics. Fermentation took place in stainless steel at cool temperatures for 30 days to retain freshness and avoid attenuated fermentation characters. The wine was then bottled on the 19th of September 2019, to mature in bottle until deemed appropriate for release. This wine is a fantastic example of high-altitude Eden Valley Riesling with fine acidity and ethereal fruit flavours allowing for extended ageing.

## Tasting Notes

- Colour:** Pale straw with golden hues and a silver rim.
- Aroma:** Fresh, clean and delicate with lifted lemon characters and hints of dried spice. Soft notes of honey and shortbread.
- Palate:** Lemon curd and zest, balanced by hints of brioche. Vibrant minerality and ethereal acid provide good structure and a juicy mouthwatering finish.
- Cellaring:** Made to age, this Riesling will last in the cellar for 20+ years.

## Analysis

Alcohol:	12.0 %	TA:	5.3 g/L
RS:	0.4 g/l	pH:	3.18

