

VICKERY

RIESLING

THE RESERVE
WATERVALE

VINTAGE 2020 | WVR252C

BACKGROUND

Founded to celebrate the iconic wines of the great John Vickery, Vickery Riesling produces wines that speak of place and purpose, helmed by accomplished winemaker Keeda Zilm. By focusing solely on Riesling, these wines showcase John's unparalleled experience and Keeda's mastery of the noblest of white wine varieties.

At the heart of Vickery Riesling lies a deep appreciation for our strong growing community in Watervale and Eden Valley. This community, consisting of friends and long-time contemporaries of John, plays an indispensable role year after year. Their unwavering commitment to quality in the vineyard ensures the production of consistently high-quality wines that not only reflect John's legacy but also contribute to the ongoing narrative of Vickery Riesling.

WINEMAKING

From the 2020 vintage, a small parcel from the Castine "Hayshed" block stood out for its unique character and potential for ageing and was kept separate from the main Watervale blend. The 'Hayshed Block' has east-west row orientation and a gentle west facing aspect. The vineyard sits at approximately 420m above sea level from top to bottom. Even with a dry winter 2018 was a great Watervale vintage with excellent quality, and the Hayshed block produced wine of exceptional purity and finesse allowing for extended ageing and a late release.

The grapes were harvested on the 25th of February with the fruit being taken immediately to Watervale for pressing to avoid extended skin contact and over extraction of phenolics. Made using the classic methods of the great John Vickery, light pressings material was included to develop structure and longevity but finessed to avoid excessive extraction or bitterness. The wine has been maturing in our temperature controlled cellar until deemed appropriate for release.

VINEYARDS & GROWERS

Castine - Hayshed Block - 1999 plantings

TASTING NOTES

- Colour:** Pale straw with with green hues.
- Aroma:** Very powerful aromatics due to the heat of the season. Full flavours of lemon curd and brown lime.
- Palate:** Intense flavours of lime, lemon zest and marmalade with racy acidity and a long finish.
- Cellaring:** Made to age, this Riesling will last in the cellar for 15+ years.

TECHNICAL

- Alcohol:** 11.5%
- RS:** 0.88 g/l



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