

VICKERY

RIESLING

THE RESERVE
WATERVALE

VINTAGE 2021 | CVR1502

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

After three tough dry years, 2021 was a cooler, milder vintage with more rain during the growing season than previous ones which resulted in lively wines with a great backbone of acidity. In 2021, 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.

The grapes were harvested and immediately taken 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 its release on John Vickery's birthday.

VINEYARDS & GROWERS

Castine – Hayshed Block – 1999 plantings

TASTING NOTES

- Colour:** Pale straw with with green tinges
- Aroma:** Kaffir lime, lemon curd and lemon sorbet with hints of honey and toast
- Palate:** Lime, citrus and honey with hints of toast, linear acid and a fine textured finish
- Cellaring:** Made to age, this Riesling will last in the cellar for 15+ years.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 12% **RS:** Dry

