

TAPANAPPA

2023 EDEN VALLY SINGLE VINEYARD RIESLING

THE STORY...

Tapanappa's central philosophy is to grow wines reflective of the unique terroirs of our own selected "distinguished sites".

The Eden Valley Riesling is an exception to our "own vineyard" philosophy. The Riesling grapes are grown in the Eden Valley vineyard of the Bartholomeus family, a vineyard identified for its superior quality by Con Moshos while he was working at Mount Adam in High Eden from 2005 until 2014.

It is also a return to roots for me, as one of the last wines I made from Eden Valley was the famous 1975 Hardy's Siegersdorf Riesling. By coincidence I did buy grapes from the Bartholomeus Vineyard for the "College" in Wagga in 1978.

Con makes this wine, applying the fastidious techniques we refined at Petaluma together over the nearly three decades until 2005.

VINTAGE NOTES.

The 2023 vintage in Eden Valley was nearly perfect as elsewhere, being cool and dry after textbook growing conditions. The Bartholomeus vineyard yielded a small and beautifully mature crop of late picked Riesling grapes on the 17th of April, one of the latest harvests ever. 2023 ranks as one of the coolest vintages of this century so far and the 2023 Tapanappa Riesling has the floral intensity and acid finish expected.

WINEMAKING NOTES.

The hand-picked Riesling grapes were delivered to the Tapanappa Winery in the Piccadilly Valley. There, they were destemmed, roller crushed and chilled to 2°C on the way to the Willmes airbag press. Some of the separated stalks were added back to the cold must in the press to assist rapid juice draining.

The drained, cold free run juice was augmented by the first light pressing fraction and allowed to settle in tank to achieve juice clarity.

After an extended settling, the clear Riesling juice was racked and warmed to fermentation tank to undergo a three-month cool fermentation with one of Tapanappa's selected yeast strains. At the finish of fermentation, the dry wine was chilled to -2°C, to settle the yeast and cold stabilise the wine.

After a month of settling, the clear wine was racked and carefully bottled to preserve the delicate aromas and flavours of the special Riesling variety.

THE TASTE OF THE WINE.

The colour of the 2023 Tapanappa Eden Valley Riesling is pale green-yellow. Typical of Eden Valley Riesling, this Riesling has jasmine floral aromas with a hint of anise. There is more than the usual amount of lime-citrus because of the exceptionally cool growing season. The bath-powder aroma also has an edge of delicate tea rose.

The palate weight is fine and delicate and despite the late picking, almost austere, with a slight talcum dryness and a mouth-watering acid finish. The 2022 Eden Valley Riesling is reflection of the Riesling variety grown in a perfectly suited terroir of a "distinguished site" vineyard.

Winemaker-Con Moshos

VARIETY

100% Riesling

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH 3.03

Total Acid 6.8gpl gpl

Residual Sugar 1.8 gpl

Alcohol 12.5%v/v.

CLOSURE

Stelvin

CASES MADE

270 dozen



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