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## Dandelion Vineyards, `Enchanted Garden of the Eden Valley` Riesling 2015

### PRODUCER

Dandelion Vineyards is the venture of self-titled 'typist' Zar Brooks, his winemaking wife Elena and growers Carl Lindner and Brad Rey, with wines made from the Barossa and Eden Valleys, Fleurieu and McLaren Vale. Nick Stock, one of Australia's leading journalists, has described Dandelion as follows: 'Brooks has teamed up with his winemaking wife Elena, a woman whose talents are outweighed only by her tolerance, in an exciting new venture called Dandelion Vineyards. The approach is remarkably simple and sees Elena making wine from a suite of beautiful old vineyards identified by Carl Lindner and Brad Rey across that blessed curve that runs from the Barossa, up through the Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills and down into McLaren Vale.'

### VINEYARDS

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time, encouraging the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off and make the Dandelion wish come true. The Enchanted Garden was planted in 1910 and thrives to this day, a seven acre Eden Valley Vine Garden lovingly tended by Sue and Stuart Woodman.

### VINTAGE

2015 was an early vintage following a cool and dry growing season and timely rainfall at veraison. These conditions preserved bright colour, fruit purity and the natural acidity of the wine.

### VINIFICATION

Whole bunches were hand picked on the 11th of March then destemmed without crushing the fruit to fill the press exactly. Juice from the free run and pressings were separated and fermented in small tanks between 11 and 13°C. The wine was bottled directly with minimal fining and filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

The appearance of this Riesling foretells the pristine and unalloyed quality of its fruit. Classic aromatics of citrus zest, lemon foliage and hints of dragon fruit flowers are etched by a clear steely minerality. This is an attractively textural wine displaying the variety's intense purity. Bone dry, its structure and length is underpinned by austere acidity.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

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| <b>Vintage</b>         | 2015                         |
| <b>Region</b>          | Eden Valley, South Australia |
| <b>Grape Varieties</b> | 100% Riesling                |
| <b>Winemaker</b>       | Elena Brooks                 |
| <b>Closure</b>         | Stelvin                      |
| <b>ABV</b>             | 11.5%                        |
| <b>Acidity</b>         | 6.8g/L                       |
| <b>Wine pH</b>         | 2.92                         |
| <b>Bottle Sizes</b>    | 75cl                         |