



Peter Lehmann Hill & Valley, Eden Valley Riesling 2015

PRODUCER

Peter Lehmann, with 33 vintages already under his belt, started his own winery in 1979, partly as a means of helping with the glut of grapes then afflicting the Barossa. "I'll take your grapes and turn them into wine," he told the desperate growers, many of them conservative farmers of Silesian descent who regarded their old vines as part of their patrimony. "But I'll only be able to pay you when I sell the wine." They gratefully accepted. Without this deal, it is widely thought that the Barossa would have lost a huge chunk of its old vines.

The 'Hill & Valley' wines are made from fruit selected, often from single vineyards, in the Barossa Valley and from the higher reaches of the adjacent Eden Valley.

VINEYARDS

The grapes were sourced from John and Liz Stanton and Mark and Deborah Petney's vineyards on the Eastern slopes of Eden Valley. This east-facing side is particularly cool as it lies over 400m above sea level on acidic sandy soils, ideal for enhancing the natural acid balance of an exceptional Riesling.

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

The fruit was picked early, crushed, chilled and the juice immediately separated from the skins to enhance delicacy. Following cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine was clarified and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Early picking has produced a fresh, lively Riesling with a delicate green tinge and hints of freshly picked limes. The palate shows great fruit purity with a refreshingly crisp, dry finish. It is a wine that can be drunk now or aged with confidence for a few years where it will develop the complexity expected of a top flight Eden Valley Riesling.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Eden Valley, South Australia
Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Andrew Wigan
Features	Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	11.1%
Residual Sugar	5.6g/L
Acidity	6.7g/L
Wine pH	3
Bottle Sizes	75cl