

VICKERY

RIESLING

WATERVALE

VINTAGE 2022 | WVR2802CKBBS

Background

Vickery Riesling is the union of one of the great heroes of Australian wine in John Vickery, and accomplished winemaker Keeda Zilm. Together, they craft Rieslings that exemplify John's incredible experience and Keeda's mastery with the noblest of white wine varieties.

John Vickery is the acknowledged *old master* of Riesling in Australia, with an illustrious career spanning over fifty years, culminating in the extraordinary awards tally of more than fifty Trophies and over four hundred Gold Medals. The Rieslings he crafted from Watervale and Eden Valley, arguably South Australia's pre-eminent Riesling regions, stand tall as the epitome of this most majestic grape variety, each with a unique South Australian and sub-regional thumbprint.

Winemaking

Fruit for the 2022 Riesling is a sub-regional blend from the vineyards of our dedicated growers; the Koerner, Castine and Stanway families, as well as that from new Vickery growers, the Sandow and Bryksy families. The 2022 growing season was moderate, with low summer rainfall very mild temperatures. Some decent rainfall earlier on ensured strong vine health and idyllic canopies. These conditions allowed the fruit to hang a little longer on the vine, as is the Vickery way, without climatic or disease pressure, but facilitating full varietal expression.

After walking the vineyards and tasting for fruit and flavour ripeness, John and Keeda decided that the first pick would be on February 25th with all fruit off the vines by 7th March – a very compact timeframe. This small window presented idyllic harvesting conditions with the cool, dry nights that Clare is famous for. Immediately after harvest, the fruit was taken to Watervale for pressing to avoid extended skin contact. The Vickery style utilises pressings material in the final blend to add flavour to the wine, with the press-cut happening a lot earlier than normal to retain flavour without bitter phenolics.

Tasting Notes

- Colour:** Pale yellow, with a tinge of green.
- Aroma:** Apple blossom, hints of fennel and juicy, ripe stone fruits.
- Palate:** A year showing full flavour ripeness, finesse and bright, balanced natural acidity. This wine is generous with a lovely zest.
- Cellar:** As with all Vickery Rieslings, this wine will be bright and fresh in its youth yet will reward careful cellaring for 10 - 20 years.

Technical Details

Alcohol: 12.0% **TA:** 7.4 g/L
RS: 2.7 g/l **pH:** 3.12

