

HAY SHED HILL 'World Series' G40 RIESLING 2023

The Hay Shed Hill 'World Series' highlights the great grape varieties of the world grown in a distinctively Australian vineyard setting.



Australia has forged an enviable reputation for making world class Riesling from several regions; most famously the Clare and Eden Valleys in South Australia and Mt Barker in Western Australia. In the main these wines are in the dry steely style. This Hay Shed Hill 'G40' Riesling harks back to the great sweet Rieslings of the past with the G40 referring to the 40 grams per litre of natural grape sugars remaining in the wine. Made in a more Germanic style this wine is low in alcohol (11.0% Vol) and high in natural acidity and sugar.

2023 was a throwback to the 1990's. A lovely wet winter opened to a mild spring with budburst in the early varieties being up to two weeks later than recent vintages. The spring weather was fine so the late budburst and slower development was not a problem for the early and mid season varieties, but it did cross a few minds that late season varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon might be very late indeed which always carries risk of rain.

However, such concerns were mollified as the season continued into March with fine weather and mild conditions that were ideal for steady, consistent ripening. Chardonnay came off a few weeks later than usual but in perfect condition and looked potentially to be the star variety of the whites.

I believe we will see brilliant whites and mid bodied, more elegant reds from the 2023 vintage reminiscent of some of the great vintages in the 1990's.

The Wine: Youthful and bright with steely green hues the Hay Shed Hill 'G40' Riesling exhibits a wonderful lifted citrus blossom floral bouquet. The palate is bright and alive with zesty acidity providing the ideal foil for the sweetness of the grape sugars. The wine is light and wonderfully refreshing.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2023

Growing Region: Mount Barker

Variety: Riesling 100%

Alcohol: 11.0% Alc Vol.

